



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2349

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Kimberly's Center is both the Children's Advocacy Center and Child Protection Team in Marion County. This private, nonprofit organization has seen exceptional growth in the past 5 years and needs additional space. The organization has added two new major programs and initiated a co-location model with local Department of Children and Families staff as well as local law enforcement. Funds will be used to add more than 4,500 sq. ft. to the existing Kimberly's Center facility and renovate an existing 1,000 sq. ft. of the facility. This building addition and renovation will impact the children and families who are facing the trauma of abuse by providing appropriate, safe, child-friendly, dedicated space to receive critical intervention services and facilitating their recovery process. Additionally, it will provide community partners in local law enforcement, and the Department of Children and Families with the space they need to further investigate allegations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	820,000
Total State Funds Requested	820,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	820,000	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	680,729	43%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	100,000	6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,600,729	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

The \$680,729 in federal grant dollars have been awarded to this project through the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Community Development Block Grant CARES (CDBG-CV) funding project.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

The facility is owned by the Marion County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc., (Kimberly's Center for Child Protection). This organization is a 501 (c) 3 entity that is governed by a volunteer board of directors and managed by an Executive Director.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to add more than 4,500 sq. ft. to the existing Kimberly's Center facility and will renovate an existing 1,000 sq. ft. portion of the facility.	820,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		820,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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Funds will be used to add more than 4,500 sq ft to the existing Kimberly's Center facility and renovate an existing 1,000 sq ft portion of the facility. This additional space will include the construction of a new child friendly and safe lobby and waiting room area, that will provide adequate waiting space with social distancing. Additional space will also allow for continued program expansion to serve children and teenagers impacted by abuse and neglect. Space will also include dedicated offices for local law enforcement and the local Department of Children and Families staff to be able to meet privately with families engaged in the child welfare system.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Kimberly's Center is already engaged in the process of working with local County officials in the spending down of awarded DEO and CDBG-CV dollars on this construction project. The local public bid process has been completed and the contract has been awarded to a local construction company that is ready to break ground by the end of this calendar year. The board and staff are continuing to work with local donors, businesses, financial institutions to raise the needed \$820,000 to complete this critical project.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Kimberly's Center for Child Protection will provide critical child abuse prevention, investigation, and treatment services to children throughout Marion County with the additional space provided in this project. Kimberly's Center will provide forensic interviews, specialized interview, medical examinations & consultations, prevention education, trauma therapy, and advocacy services to child abuse victims and their families. Additionally, education services are provided throughout the county to adults and children to educate and prevent child abuse.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population of this project are children and families impacted by allegations of child abuse and neglect. Annually, Kimberly's Center serves more than 1,300 children with investigative and treatment services. Staff of Kimberly's Center are also partners with the Marion County Public Schools and go into classrooms throughout the County to teach the Child/Teen Safety Matters Curriculum to thousands of students each year.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

This project will allow for the continued growth of programs and services for children and teenagers in Marion County who have been impacted by allegations of child abuse and neglect. All services provided at Kimberly's Center are tracked and reported annually to multiple state and local funders. The mission of Kimberly's Center is to reduce trauma to children during the investigations process in order to mitigate some of the long term effects of adverse childhood experiences.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables should result in financial consequences to the agency as determined in the contracting process.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County



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c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number