



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2465

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Center for Children and Families will house Youth and Families Alternatives' child welfare program, Community Based Care (CBC) Lead Agency staff and their subcontracted Diversion provider, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigation Division, and other non-profit agencies serving children and families in the local community. The purpose of the Center is to have services for children and families under one roof, providing the opportunity to collaborate and centralize services in order to obtain optimal outcomes for families.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	7%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	7%
Other	6,000,000	86%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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?**

No



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

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

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

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

3/31/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

5/31/2024

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.

Youth and Family Alternatives will be the owners of The Center for Children and Families and would lease the office space to be used by the Community Based Care Lead Agency staff and their subcontracted Prevention and Diversion services and Case Management services providers, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Investigation Division, and possibly other not-for-profit agencies serving children and families in the local community.

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	Planning, engineering, and construction of a 30,000-35,000 wellness center for use by child welfare agencies, Pasco Sheriff's Office Child Protection Team, and other not-for-profit agencies	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of The Center for Children and Families is to have services for children and families under one roof, making it convenient for families, the community, and the people who work in the programs. Most importantly is the ability to collaborate and centralize the services so that they can be provided seamlessly. This opportunity is one that will assist the county in providing the highest quality services to children and families in need in the most effective and collaborative manner. Not only will this wellness center provide comprehensive care, it will reduce lease expenses for all the above-mentioned agencies, thus being able to reinvest the cost savings directly into additional services for the children and families served.

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

YFA has purchased approximately 8.82+ acres of land located in West Pasco County and will engage with the appropriate licensed vendors for the completion of a 30,000-35,000 service center to house local nonprofit agencies and the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigation Division. The anticipated total cost of this project is approx. \$7 million.

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

The Center will house YFA Dependency Case Management Services for children and families assigned to them through DCF as well as the local CBC subcontracted Diversion Services provider, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigation Division, and other nonprofit agencies to increase service coordination, cooperation, and communication.

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

The targeted population will include families with an open investigation with the Pasco County Sheriff's Office Child Protection Investigation Division (PCSO CPID), families served by the CBC Lead Agency subcontracted Diversion provider as a result of an investigation with PCSO CPID in order to divert them from entering the child welfare dependency system, and families involved in the child welfare dependency system who have an open case and are being served by the CBC Lead Agency subcontracted Case Management provider in Pasco County. Based on data from the DCF Child Welfare Dashboard and the CBC Lead Agency data, these 3 agencies serve approximately 1,900 children in their respective programs each month, some of whom cross over between the programs.

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

Earlier engagement and service referrals for families as evidenced by the percentage of children served by the Diversion provider who do not enter the dependency system at the time of service delivery and within 6 months of case closure and the percentage of children in the dependency system who achieve permanency within 12 months of being removed. Reduce the percent of children who are re-abused within 6 months of case closure as evidenced by the percentage of children who are not re-abused within 6 months of case closure. Increase the communication and collaboration of community partners to keep families intact safely and increase the percentage of families to remain intact after achieving permanency as evidenced by the number of children who do not re-enter the dependency system within 12 months of achieving permanency. Reduce the lease expenses that can be reinvested into services for children and families in addition to other nonprofit agencies as evidenced by the cost savings.

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 the deliverables or performance measures would result in a reduction on approved appropriations.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

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