



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1004

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Gulf Coast JFCS Non-Custodial Parent Employment Program (NCPEP) assists parents in 5 counties: Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando and Miami-Dade who do not have custody of their children, are unemployed or underemployed and are having difficulty meeting their child support obligations, to establish a pattern of child support payments by obtaining and maintaining unsubsidized, competitive employment, to be better parents and help them become self-sufficient.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

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

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)	500,000	26%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,416,000	74%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,916,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	1,416,000	500,000	2298	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

There is not a comparable funding source. This project goes beyond the services offered by traditional workforce development funding to accompany clients through the court system.

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

Yes



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

\$1,900,000. The funds were used primarily for wages during the height of the pandemic as well as supplies and PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

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)?

No

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director is responsible for program & administrative oversight, serve as a liaisons with the community and funders and work closely toward program growth and fiscal diversity through grants and community involvement.	10,735
Other Salary and Benefits	QI Specialist (Responsible for conducting statewide internal file reviews to ensure compliance and quarterly outcomes achieved.) Grant Accountant (Responsible for preparing monthly reimbursement reports, budgets, contract audit preparation and other financial information as required by the program.)	8,835
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	16 Career Case Managers (9 for Greater Tampa Bay and 7 for Miami) Responsible for comprehensive case management and support to participants. 4 Program Administrative Assistants (3 for Greater Tampa Bay and 1 for Miami) and 4 Program Supervisors (3 for Greater Tampa Bay and 1 for Miami) 1 Program Manager.	300,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating costs (mileage, parking, travel, supplies, printing, postage, telephone, Internet, utilities, maintenance, equipment rental/repair, rent, computer licensing, computer supplies, advertising, insurance, employee testing, client needs, indirect cost, career source fee.	168,430
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program evaluation, contract workers and contract services.	12,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
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?

In Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough and Miami-Dade Counties Contract eligible expenses including but not exclusive to:
 a) Operating Costs to include: facility rent/lease, support of program activities (mileage, supplies, utilities, etc.);
 b) Salaries and Fringe for 26 staff:1 Sr. Director,1 Program Manager, 4 Program Supervisors, 4 Admins, and 16 Career Case Managers.
 c) NCPEP will increase reemployment training to clients impacted by COVID.

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

NCPEP will serve 1,000 non-custodial unemployed and underemployed parents with gaining and maintaining employment so that they may establish a regular pattern of child support payments.

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

Job development, supervised job search, job placement, case monitoring, educational assessments, contingency funds for: transportation, work attire, vehicle maintenance, and personal hygiene. Short term trade/skills training for construction trades helpers, security guards, and etc. Support service referrals (mediation, substance abuse counseling).

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

The target population is low-income, unemployed or underemployed non-custodial parents who are not meeting their child support obligations. The program expects to enroll 1,000 clients state-wide in the five counties served.

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

The contractual obligations are: Services Provided All Counties Client: Enrollments =1,000, 90 days Employment Retention= 489 , 180 days Employment Retention= 326, Upgrade in Position= 79, Increase in Wages= 196, Child Support Payments=424, Training/Certification=353, Entered Employment= 651. The outcomes will be measured in two systems: The state System OSST (One Stop Service Tracking) and Gulf Coast JFCS internal system, Avatar. The participants' information and all the backup documentation are scanned into the Career Source electronic system, Atlas.

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?

Suggested penalties to be considered include a repayment of a portion of the funds, proportionate to the shortfall in deliverables.

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