



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2905

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will support developing and implementing a new program which will focus on single fathers or fathers who may not be the primary caregiver of their children. The program will match fathers with volunteers (Dadvocates) who will focus on mentorship, support, and education through individual and group peer interactions. The overall goal is to support a father in being an engaged, active, and nurturing parent, thus reducing the likelihood a child will experience adverse effects.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	190,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	190,000

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)	190,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	190,000	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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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)?

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for full time staff, portion of salaries and benefits of Director and administrative staff.	150,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses including equipment, travel, supplies, etc. Portion of the funding will be utilized for educational materials, educational programming and activities.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		190,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

The Children's Advocacy Center currently provides an evidence based parenting program. This funding will enhance the program in providing mentorship, educational activities and long term support. Services will be provided to Dads to include educational curriculum, (ie. coparenting, single parenting, financial literacy, etc.) along with activities with their children.

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

Program staff will recruit, screen, and train volunteers. Dads will be matched with a mentor (Dadvocate). Educational programs/curriculum will be implemented and meetings/activities scheduled throughout the year. Dads will participate in activities/classes, peer support; their children will be involved in activities as well.

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

51-100 individuals will be served including economically disadvantaged persons, at risk youth, children K-12,

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

Improvement of mental health, enrich cultural experience, improve quality of education, protecting the general public and enhancing economic efficiency are all expected benefits as described below.

Provide classes and activities to Dads and their children such as yoga, mindfulness, meditation.

Offer classes and events to Dads and their children that allow them to experience other cultures, arts, etc.

Assist Dads in being more engaged with their children's school, communicating with teachers, completing homework, and extracurricular activities.

Breaking the cycle of abuse/preventing abuse by assisting Dads with coping skills, appropriate discipline, etc.

Linking Dads to appropriate resources (employment, etc.) and providing classes on financial literacy.

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?

Return funding to state.

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