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## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Foster Parent Recruitment Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kevin Rader

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/11/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

For over 20 years, 4KIDS has successfully recruited more than 1,000 foster families via strategic recruitment activities. These families provide safe and stable homes to children who have been removed from their biological families due to abuse, abandonment, and neglect. This project will increase recruitment efforts in circuits 15, 17, and 19.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Children and Families

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
495,000		495,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	154,677	31.2%
TOTAL	154,677	31.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 495,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.



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<b>FY:</b>	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b> (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
<b>Column:</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Funds Description:</b>	<b>Prior Year Recurring Funds *</b>	<b>Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *</b>	<b>Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)</b>
<b>Input Amounts:</b>			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

#### a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$495,000

### 11. Program Performance:

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

The 4KIDS Foster Parent Recruitment Project will increase the recruitment and ultimately, licensing of foster families in FY 2018-2019, resulting in more than 100 new foster parents. This initiative will help to reduce the number of children in group care in circuits 15, 17, and 19.

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

The 4KIDS Community Engagement team will continue to build partnerships with local churches and research new opportunities to engage the church community to recruit foster families. The team will engage, educate, and encourage potential foster families through weekly presentations on the need for foster parents and will also host information sessions on the foster parent training and licensing process. The outreach strategy includes making face to face visits with individual church leaders to set up opportunities for presentations at church services, small groups, women's and men's groups and any and all community reaching events. Using the above strategy, we will create relationships with new churches (including minority churches), deepen relationships with existing churches, and strengthen relationships with our best partnering churches.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	40% of salary for VP of Community Engagement	36,053



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, mileage, conference, telephone expenses	4,068
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	8 full-time Community Engagement Officers; 1 full time Volunteer Coordinator; .5 FTE Volunteer Coordinator	396,316
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, mileage, food and snacks, dues and memberships, printing, promotions, software support, insurance, internet expense, noncapitalized furniture and equipment, conference, telephone expense	58,563
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		495,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

The Foster Parent Recruitment Project will result in the provision of more quality foster homes for children who have suffered from abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Children will be safe and living in a healthy environment. Additionally, each of the licensed foster parents will be trained on how to provide trauma-informed therapeutic care to the children in their homes. Thus, the foster parents will be equipped to utilize their knowledge and understanding of 4KIDS t research-based therapeutic model regarding the trauma the children in their care have experienced. This will enable the foster parents to provide a care system centered around their emotional, physical, intellectual, and character needs.

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



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The Foster Parent Recruitment Project will serve children between the ages of 0-17 entering and currently in foster care in circuits 15, 17, and 19. An estimated 120 children will be served by the projected more than 100 new foster families created by this project annually. Currently, 49% of the children 4KIDS serves are African American, 29% are Caucasian, 11% are Multi Racial, 8% are Hispanic, and 3% are of other races or ethnicities.

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

This project will lead to the recruitment and licensing of over 100 new foster parents in circuits 15, 17, and 19. 4KIDS will place more than 120 children during each fiscal year into these homes. The financial benefit to the State of Florida can be enormous—research from the University of North Carolina's Jordan Institute for Families found that group placements cost 7 to 10 times the cost of placing a child with a family. The benefit to the child is priceless when considering the difference in safety and stability of a safe, loving home compared to that of a shelter or shift group home. 4KIDS will use the Extended Reach database system to measure the outcome. . 4KIDS Community Engagement team will record its daily activities, such as the number of churches visited each week, number of individuals who indicate interest in fostering, and the number of individuals who start and finish the foster parent licensing process.

**g. 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 in the contract?**

A reduction in the amount of allocation based on the actual number of foster families recruited and licensed.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Kevin Enders
- b. **Organization:** 4KIDS of South Florida
- c. **Email:** KevinE@4KIDSOFSFL.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (954)590-1576

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** 4KIDS of South Florida
- b. **County:** Broward
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Thomas Lukasik



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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone Number: