



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1836

1. Title of Project: Family Support Services of North Florida - Services to At-Risk Youth

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Model foster care program in Circuit 4, to provide a structured, trauma informed environment for high risk teens in out of home care exhibiting behaviors that hinder permanency, including chronic delinquency, conduct disorders, eternalizing behaviors, violence, and victimization. Goals: reduce placement disruptions; increase compliance with juvenile probation; reduce number of youth placed in group homes; reduce high risk behaviors (e.g., runaway, new arrest, teen pregnancy, psychiatric hospitalization); increase child/youth well-being; increase school stability.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	750,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		256,000	313A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing/Recruitment of Specialized (Program-Intensive) Foster Homes - Develop and implement a targeted recruitment campaign, specialized training, and supervision for community families willing and able to provide at-risk adolescents intensive supervision at home, in school, and in the community; a cost effective alternative to institutional, residential, and group care placement for teenagers with histories of chronic and severe criminal behavior.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	On-Call Crisis Stabilization – In-Home crisis stabilization to prevent use of emergency shelters - Achieved through intensive wraparound services -behavioral analysis, TCM, psychiatric services, trauma therapy; Enhanced Foster Care-Increased need of foster homes - recruitment, training, and licensing of new foster parents, and direct support to foster families/youth; Dually Involved Youth–Fuses Crisis De-escalation, Family Systems Therapy, Problem Solving, and Cognitive Behavioral intervention	720,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Delivery of a model foster care program in circuit 4, to provide enhanced training and services for caregivers and high risk youth in out of home care. High risk youth qualified as exhibiting behaviors that hinder permanency: delinquency, violence/aggression, conduct disorders, sexual abuse and aggression, CSEC, substance abuse, runaways. Goals: increase placement stability, compliance with juvenile probation, reduce number of youth in group homes, reduce high risk behaviors.

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

- Specialized targeted marketing, recruitment, training
- On-call/In-home crisis stabilization with licensed mental health providers
- Transportation
- Behavioral services to include one-to-one, behavior analysis, targeted case management
- Enhanced wraparound case management services
- Incentives and supports for caregivers and children
- Respite services
- Appropriate placement matching based on youth input and child specific needs



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

Intensive wrap-around services, including behavioral analysis, targeted case management, psychiatric services, trauma therapy, family therapy, mentoring, advocacy, case planning, life skills for teens, Caregiver education/skill building, stress/crisis management, linkage to community resources/supports, respite, family building activities.

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

At-risk children and youth currently in out-of-home care under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families who exhibit high risk behaviors and needs that include, but are not limited to the following: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), crossover youth dually involved with the Department of Children and Families and Department of Juvenile Justice, mental health diagnosis, severe behavioral challenges, children with a history of or at-risk of substance misuse, low-functioning or dually diagnosed developmentally delayed, pregnant or parenting youth, children that identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ), children with history of substance abuse, children and youth with multiple placement disruptions due to behaviors.

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

Provide trauma informed services to improve the mental, physical, and emotional well-being of high risk teens in out of home care. Measured by a reduction of placement disruptions; increased compliance with juvenile probation; reduction of number of youth placed in group homes; reduction of high risk youth behaviors, including, but not limited to: runaway, new arrest, teen pregnancy, psychiatric hospitalization, and; increased school stability. Increase the number of foster families trained and equipped to serve the community's most challenging youth and provide these resource parents with the knowledge, skills and assets they need to effectively manage the behavioral challenges older youth exhibit, resulting in an increased likelihood families will welcome these children into their homes, maintain placement stability and commit to permanence, thus enhancing the youth's well-being

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 in the contract?

Financial consequences for failure to meet performance measures/contract standards, and if not resolved within a reasonable period, termination of contract.

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:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Duval
- c. **Organization Type:**
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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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 - Other (Please specify)
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