



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2372

1. Title of Project: Amigos for Kids Strengthens Families & Communities

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 03/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Amigos Strengthens Families and Communities is a community-based, culturally and linguistically appropriate program for parents/caregivers and children, birth to 11 years old, with the ultimate outcome of preventing the occurrence/recurrence of child abuse/neglect. The goals are to strengthen families and children by providing relevant, effective education and support the healthy growth and development of the family. Through our program parents and children learn ways in which their chances of success in life can improve, through communication, role playing, and life skills. The core values of the program include empathy, parental self-care and alternative discipline methods resulting in successful parenting. Children learn comparable skills at age-appropriate levels through focused educational group activities. These educational activities are designed to offer experimental learning, promote child health, and positive family interactions and relationships.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	240,125
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	240,125

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)	240,125	32.58%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	497,008	67.42%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	497,008	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$240,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary- 25% -25,000.00 FICA - 1,912.50 WORKERS COMP - 402.50 HEALTH INSURANCE - 3,164.64 1,912.50 402.50 3,164.64 5,479.64 30,479.64 1054.88 X 12 Months=\$12,658.56 x .25% = \$3,164.64	30,480
Other Salary and Benefits	Finance Salary-30%- 21,750.00 FICA -1,663.88 WORKERS COMP - 350.18 HEALTH INSURANCE - 3,164.64	26,929
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	20 miles/mth * 2 staff * 12 mths * .58 = \$278.40	278
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	(2) Counselors-100% @\$ 39,000.00 each=78,000; (1) Comm. Outreach Coord. @\$35,000 FICA- 2,983.50 x 2= \$5,967 2,677.50 WORKERS COMP - 627.90 X 2 = 1,255.80 563.50 HEALTH INSURANCE - 12,658.56 X 2 = 25,317.12 12,658.56 Counselor 39,000.00 100% 39,000.00 2,983.50 627.90 12,658.56 16,269.96 55,	161,439
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel (Operational) - 100 miles/mth * 3 staff * 12 months * .58 = \$2,088.00 Program & Office Supplies- \$ 3,500.00 Participant Meals-5 cohorts x 60 sessions (20 Participants @\$4.93 ea.= \$5,916.00 3 Dell Desktop Computers -\$1,000 x 3 = \$3,000 3 Cellphones - \$300 x 3 = \$900 Nurturing Parenting Training Certification - \$300 x 3 = \$900 Criminal Background Checks - \$96.00 x 3= \$288.00 Office Space - @1,695 sq. ft. @ \$3,672.50/mth. * 12 mths. *10% use= \$4,407.00	20,999
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		240,125

11. Program Performance:

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



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Amigos for Kids (AFK) seeks a direct grant to grow our parent education services, from 13 sites to 25 sites annually. In 2015 AFK was recognized by The Children's Trust as ""Program of the Year""; an honor bestowed to top performing/impact organizations. "Nurturing Parenting" is a proven approach for the prevention/treatment of child abuse/neglect. Parents & children learn new beliefs, knowledge & skills that improve their overall functioning as skills/competencies are taught in a sequenced manner. The curricula was developed from extensive research & assessment of high-risk parenting beliefs & behaviors. The AAPI – Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory, identifies 5 constructs that contribute to the maltreatment of children. These constructs form the curriculum of 5 key objectives. Amigos uses a Group Based Model that is cost effective, includes parent to parent socialization, interactive learning, & allows both parents & children to meet in separate groups that run concurrently.

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

The goals are to strengthen families and their children by providing relevant, effective education and support to encourage an optimal environment for the healthy growth and development of the family. Through our program parents and children learn ways in which their chances of success in life can improve, through communication, role playing, and life skills. Important core values of the program include empathy, parental self-care and alternative discipline methods resulting in successful parenting. Children learn comparable skills at age-appropriate levels through a variety of activities. Focused educational group activities are specifically offered to children. These educational activities are designed to offer experimental learning, promote child health, and positive family interactions and relationships. All of the educational activities are delivered by staff trained in evidence-based program curriculum delivery.

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

Parent & Child Educational Classes - "Nurturing Parenting." Continuum of Care Services/Linkages with community resources. Parental Engagement & Networking via "Parent Coffee Chats/Cafecito Entre Padres." Other supportive, direct services via Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Month, Annual Back to School & Toy Drives.

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

AFK serves children and parents at risk of child abuse and neglect throughout Miami Dade County. The majority of the families we serve are below the federal poverty level; circumstances that can ignite the life stressors that lead to abuse & neglect and less fortunate children & families. With the State of Florida's support, we plan to grow our parenting program sites from 13 to 25 and reach a total of 300 families that equates to approximately 1,200 individuals annually.

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

AFK primary focus is the prevention of child abuse/neglect. We accomplish this mission through our Family Strengthening Program. We focus on two major outcomes :85% of children participating in the AFK program will decrease problem behavior or maintain appropriate behavior. This will be measured by pre- and post surveys. 87% of parents participating in the AFK program will increase positive parent-child interactions. The program will be measured by pre and post surveys.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard



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penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

The agency's standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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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- b. **Organization:** Amigos for Kids
- c. **E-mail Address:** lydia@amigosforkids.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (305)279-1155 Ext. 7001

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Amigos for Kids
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- 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:** Lydia Muniz
- e. **E-mail Address:** lydia@amigosforkids.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (305)279-1155 Ext. 7001

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**