



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2610

**1. Title of Project:** Voices for Children Foundation, Inc

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Annette Taddeo

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/19/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

For decades, the Voices For Children Foundation, Inc. (Voices) in Miami-Dade (VFC) has shared an invaluable public-private partnership with the Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Program. Through this partnership, VFC has been able to provide much needed support to the local GAL program. A major part of this support has come through the positions that are funded by private dollars and a State grants in aid contract. The grants in aid contract was made possible through a recurring appropriation of \$892,656 in the Guardian ad Litem General Revenue budget that has been passed from GAL to Voices as part of a designated State project. Unfortunately, while the cost associated with providing the positions has increased over the last 10 years, the amount appropriated for the State project contract has remained unchanged . The Guardian ad Litem Program and Voices for Children Foundation, Inc are requesting a \$150,000 increase in the recurring appropriation that is used to fund this State project.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Justice Administration

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**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)	150,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	892,656		785	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 150,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Additional funds necessary for Voices for Children to continue providing the 14 Child Advocate Manager, 2 Child Advocate Manager Supervisor, 4 Program Attorney, 1 Volunteer Recruiter and 3 Administrative positions that are funded through a State project contract between Guardian ad Litem and the Voices for Children Foundation.	150,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

These funds will be used to increase the on-going State project contract between the Guardian ad Litem Program and the Voices for Children Foundation, Inc (VFC). This contract allows VFC to provide additional positions in the 11th Judicial Circuit. In addition to the contract dollars, VFC contributes in excess of \$300,000 in private funds each year in the 11th Judicial Circuit to supplement this State project contract.

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

The additional funds in this request will be used by the Voices for Children Foundation, Inc to continue providing positions to the Guardian ad Litem program in the 11th Judicial Circuit. These positions augment the child representation activities that are provided to the 11th Judicial Circuit and funded by the Guardian ad Litem Programs recurring General Revenue Salary and OPS appropriations.

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

The funds will be used by Voices for Children to continue providing Child Advocate Manager and Attorney support to the Guardian ad Litem Program in Miami-Dade County.



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

Children assigned to the Guardian ad Litem Program in Miami-Dade County.

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

Children in the 11th Judicial Circuit will continue receiving representation through this public-private partnership.

**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?**

NA

**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.**

NA

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Voices for Children Foundation, Inc
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- d. **Phone Number:** (305)281-4473

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Florida Statewide Guardian ad Litem Office
- b. **County:** Statewide
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify) State agency
- d. **Contact Name:** Alan Abramowitz
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**15. Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** Monica Rodriguez
- b. **Firm Name:** Ballard Partners



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