



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2661

1. Title of Project: Florida Centers for Autism & Related Disabilities

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/21/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Florida Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) provide multidisciplinary, nonresidential resource and training services for persons of all ages and functioning levels who have autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and/or related disabilities. CARD provides services in all of Florida's 67 counties through university-based centers. CARD coordinates services within and between state and local agencies and school districts but does not duplicate services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,100,000

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)	2,100,000	18.3%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	9,400,000	81.7%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	11,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	9,400,000		105	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2100000

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Estimated salaries and benefits based on 2018-2019 percentages across budget categories for all 7 CARDS.	1,880,970
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Estimated non-salary operational expenses based on 2018-2019 percentages across budget categories for all 7 CARDS.	192,570
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Estimated consulting service costs based on 2018-2019 percentages across budget categories for all 7 CARDS	26,460
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,100,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Clients and families affected by autism and/or related disabilities receive care coordination, case management, direct assistance and support in the form of clinical consultations about best practices, resources and referrals to appropriate federal, state and local agencies, and direct assistance to schools their children attend, and workplaces and residential environments where they may work and live.

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

CARD's core services are: Individual and Direct Support to Clients and Families; Professional Programmatic Assistance to Schools and other entities; Training; and Public Education and Awareness.

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

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

Florida citizens with autism spectrum disorder or a related disability, along with their family members and the professionals who serve them. In addition, all 67 Florida school districts are partnered with a regional CARD center for training and technical assistance. Currently, over 50,000 families are registered with the statewide CARD program.

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



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Each year, the CARD centers submit a project plan to DOE with specified deliverables per quarter and annually. Target deliverables are outlined by DOE in the RFA for the CARD Centers each year. Data on deliverables are reported quarterly to DOE through the Project Tracking System. DOE liaisons monitors each CARD center's performance quarterly.

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?

Failure to meet quarterly deliverables may result in a withholding of funds. At times, amendments are submitted to address a change in planned deliverables as district and community priorities may change mid-year.

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

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Florida Centers for Autism and Related Disabilities
- 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)
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