



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1839

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Children's Healing Institute proposes to expand their child abuse prevention efforts to Martin & St. Lucie counties by providing in-home, evidenced based Parent Aide Program services to 90 families (216 children/180 adults) at risk/underserved populations identified by the Department of Children and Families and /or our local community partners. Included, but not limited to, families with high-risk behaviors not warranting child removal but may have had a DCF investigation. The average annual cost of foster care is \$50,000 per child versus \$1,200 per child for the Parent Aide Program, making the potential savings for Florida taxpayers substantial. Parent Aide is an intensive home-visitation parent education/support program. The goal is to increase family protective factors including: Family Functioning/Resiliency; Social Support; Concrete Support; Nurturing and Attachment; and Knowledge of Parent/Child Development.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
 State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="200,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="200000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="52.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="182,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="48"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	382,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Administrative costs are calculated at 11% - includes ED, Finance, Human Resources & Administration.	22,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2 Parent Aide F/T (\$75,000); 1 P/T Parent Aide Manager (\$27,800); FICA/workers comp (\$10,700); Benefits (\$550 per month) for 2.5 FTE's (\$15,000).	128,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage reimbursement (\$25,000); Occupancy (\$3,600); Technology (\$3,600); Training/conferences (\$4,400); Materials for families/workbooks (\$3,000); Emergency Flex Funds for families enrolled in the program (\$7,000).	47,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Client software.	2,400
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be used to expand an evidenced based, nationally recognised parent education program for parents who are at risk of or have abused or neglected their children. Funds would provide for prevention services to 90 families, in Martin and St. Lucie County, equating to 216 children/180 adults. The program would reduce the likelihood of child maltreatment, DCF involvement, and child removal from the home as well as reducing the financial burden to the state for the intervention costs of child abuse. As of July 2019 there were an estimated 23,374 children in out of home placements. The out of home placement per child is about \$50,000 versus \$1280 per child for Parent Aide services in the home.

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

Parents who are at risk for neglecting or abusing their children will have access to an evidenced based program to strengthen their ability to raise their children in a safe & healthy home. Parent Aides will be recruited, trained, and professionally supervised. A referral system will be established to accept families through the respective DCF districts. Referred families will be screened for program eligibility. Eligible families will complete Initial Needs Assessment; Adverse Childhood Experience Questionnaire; Development of a Family Plan (identifying service goals); and Administration of evaluation tools (e.g., AAPI, Protective Factor Survey). Education and support services will be delivered through a minimum of 24 home-visits. Data will be collected to assess program impact and success.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Parents who are at risk for neglecting or abusing their children will have access to Parent Aide prevention services that will provide in-home weekly visits to families with children 0 -12 years of age in the target populations. Services include: needs assessment, goal setting, in-home parenting support, connection to community resources, and education. Professionally trained Parent Aide Facilitators will visit the home weekly for 90 minutes and provide parent education curriculum, make referrals to other community services as needed, provide information about natural stress reduction methods, and if relevant, work with the family on safety planning in the event someone in the home is in substance abuse recovery and therefore, at danger of relapse. Services will be offered for a period of 6 to 12 months as outlined in the evidenced based Parent Aide model. All services are designed to assist the families with providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children.

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

Project will serve families residing in Martin or St. Lucie County with at least one child age 10-17 with: 1) Continued high risk concerns post reunification and initial completion of Community Based Care; 2) High risk behaviors as assessed by DCF but whose children are not removed from the home. Both areas of concern are high priority needs identified by the CBC and DCF and represent populations not currently serviced by CBC agencies due to lack of sufficient funding. Services will be provided to 90 families (approximately 216 children and 180 adults).

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

Research on the Parent Aide model indicates highest level of success when parents complete a minimum of 6 months in the program. Program success is measured against: 1) Pre/post evaluations. 2) Completion of at least 6 months in the program. 3) Parent achievement of Family Plan goals and relevant outcomes in adaptive skills/strategies; awareness and access of supports, effective discipline, and child safety. 4) Absence of child maltreatment or the need for DCF intervention for families enrolled in the Parent Aide program. Parent Aide Facilitator will administer the Protective Factors Survey (PFS) and the AAPI. The PFS measures protective factors in the following 5 areas: Family Functioning, Social Support, Concrete Support, Nurturing & Attachment, and Knowledge of Parenting/Child Development. The AAPI is an inventory designed to assess the parenting and child rearing attitudes of adolescents and adult parent and pre-parent populations.

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?

If we fail to provide in-home parenting services as described in our evidenced based model, we are willing to negotiate return of funds.



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

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.