



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1262

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Voices for Children (Voices) Normalcy Needs Program provides advocacy, case management, age-appropriate referrals, resources, and wrap-around services to foster an abuse-free future for children who have an open and active dependency court case. This program intervenes when other agencies don't have the means to meet the needs of the child and works to ensure the child not only survives but thrives.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>100,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	23%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	20,000	5%
Other	304,000	72%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>424,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		100,000	319A	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local match and personal charitable donations.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Voices received \$23,935 in PPP funding.

#### 11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will be used for program staff to provide advocacy, case management, age-appropriate referrals, resources, and wrap-around services. Program staff includes Vice President of Programs, program manager, and direct care staff.	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to equip the child with the basic and immediate essential needs that the child may have, as well as providing them with opportunities to participate in activities that other children their age get to participate in. Examples include: clothing, baby essentials, educational opportunities, technology, wellness activities, and age-appropriate social experiences.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>100,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Voices for Children (Voices) Normalcy Needs Program provides advocacy, case management, age-appropriate referrals, resources, and wrap-around services to foster an abuse-free future for children who have an open and active dependency court case. This program intervenes when other agencies don't have the means to meet the needs of the child and works to ensure the child not only survives but thrives.

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

The request includes funding for program costs associated with our Normalcy Needs program and include providing advocacy, case management, age-appropriate referrals, resources, and wrap-around services to ensure the child's basic and essential needs is fulfilled. In addition, our need for services have increased and will continue to increase due to COVID-19.

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

Voices serves children who have an open and active dependency court case and works directly with the judges, GAL, and/or the CBC staff to provide advocacy, case management, age-appropriate referrals, and wrap-around services to ensure the child's basic and essential need is fulfilled. Voices will fill a need it the other agencies are unable to do so because of lack of funding or other reasons.

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

The target include children ages 0 through 17 who have an open and active dependency court case in the foster care system. More than 400 children are expected to be served.



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

The goal is to ensure that at least 400 children that have an open and active dependency court case will have their basic and essential needs met, with 85% of children or caregiver reporting satisfaction.

**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 the contract?**

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reason will result in financial penalties as described in the contract.

**13. 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



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

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

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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