



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2007

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding is to Implement Fostering Our Future, a faith community-based collective impact approach in the prevention of child abuse, providing recruitment, training, and support for caregivers. For every caregiver we recruit and train, we deploy a professionally managed, high fidelity volunteer wraparound system called a Community of Care. Biological, kinship, and foster caregivers supported by a Community of Care, are more likely to keep children with families and out of foster care and safe at home in their community. When foster care is necessary, children are placed in a safe and stable foster care or kinship care situation.

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 | 300,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 300,000 |

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) | 300,000 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 | 300,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

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



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

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Deploy Implementers to deliver faith-community-based pre-service and inservice content creation, printing, professional peer-reviewed journal publications and content distribution; faith community-leadership development of caregiver and volunteer training and certification program, and publish in peer-review publications. | 150,000 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Deploy a research team to conduct literature review, data collection from caregivers, volunteers, and church leaders; adult learning (SME) to conduct research, adult curriculum designer for caregivers in faith-communitites, professional volunteer management model, volunteer-driven, high fidelity wraparound and family advocacy model. | 150,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 300,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Recruitment and training of local churches in four Florida Counties to respond to children and families at imminent risk of entering the Florida foster care system and build quality foster home capacity in an evidence-based manner. We will implement Fostering Our Future, a faith community-based collective impact approach in the prevention of child abuse, providing recruitment, training, and support for caregivers. We will provide: (1) Basic goods and wraparound support to caregivers to keep children safe at home with biological, kinship, or foster family; (2) Training and certification of Family Advocates and volunteers; (3) Deployment of wraparound services to all caregivers; (4) Recruitment, training and support of quality foster parents; (5) In-service training of foster parents; and (5) Data management.

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

Strategic assessment of the faith-community's readiness to respond to these challenges within each local community.

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

A professionally managed volunteers will provide individual family wraparound support planning and help case managers to locally source the plan by providing basic goods and services directly to caregivers like, baby-sitting, respite care, transportation; invitations to regularly scheduled (formal) and unscheduled (informal) social-networking event, training and self-growth and improvement sessions, life enrichment activities, as well as giving all caregiver an opportunity to give back through their community.

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



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Families with children at imminent risk of entering the Florida foster care system; kinship caregivers and foster caregivers
Year One: 25 caregivers Osecola, 25 Orange
Year two: 50 caregivers Osecola, 50 Orange, 25 Duval
Year Three: 50 Caregivers Osecola, 50 Orange, 50 Duval, 25 Hillsborough
Years Four/Five: 75 caregivers per county. 300 caregivers annually impacting approximately 650 children.

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

Lower the number of children in foster care; keep children safe at home with family members; build quality foster care capacity to meet the demand for safe and stable families when a child must enter out-of-home care. Grace Landing will deploy a three member research team to manage the research strategy and provide performance data, benefit-to-cost analysis, and ROI compared to non-faith-community-based approaches.

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?

Renegotiate funding.

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