



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1242

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Delivery of a model foster care program to promote youth well being, provide enhanced training and services for caregivers and high risk youth in foster care. High risk youth qualified as engaging in behaviors that hinder permanency: delinquency, violence/aggression, sexual abuse and aggression, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), substance abuse, runaways, pregnant and parenting youth. Goals: increase placement stability, compliance with juvenile probation, reduce number of youth in group homes, reduce high risk behaviors.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	650,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	650,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	650,000	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 2022-2023	650,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	250,000	310A	No

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.

PPP loan \$1,522,400 - maintain staff during pandemic
 City of Jacksonville CARES Funding - \$101,636 - Economic Support - Children/Caregivers
 United Way of Northeast Florida - \$25,000 - Economic Support - Children/Caregivers

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		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Youth Well Being Project Coordinator (\$55,000) Specialized teen licensing and retention specialist (\$40,000) Specialized teen training and support specialist (\$40,000) Part time teen foster home recruiter (\$25,000) Staff Benefits (\$40,000)	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing/Recruitment of Specialized (program-intensive) Foster Homes-Develop and implement a targeted recruitment campaign, specialized training, and supervision for community families willing and able to provide adolescents intensive supervision at home, in school, and in the community; a cost effective alternative to institutional, residential, and group care placement for teenagers with histories of chronic and severe criminal behavior	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Caregiver Training and supports-national trauma trainers, licenses, program materials, events, stipends (\$20,000) On-Call Crisis Stabilization Services (\$75,000) Enhanced Foster Care Services (\$160,000) Evidenced based therapeutic program for older youth (\$80,000) Normalcy and Youth Well Being activities (\$20,000) Administrative (\$65,000)	420,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		650,000

12. Program Performance

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

Drive culture change for children in foster care to a healing environment and increase overall youth well being through enhanced training and services for caregivers and high risk youth. High risk youth qualified as engaging in behaviors that hinder permanency: delinquency, violence/aggression, sexual abuse and aggression, CSEC, substance abuse, runaways, pregnant and parenting youth. Goals: increase placement stability, compliance with juvenile probation, reduce number of youth in group homes, reduce high risk behaviors.

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



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- One (1) Coordinator position.
- Two (2) Specialized licensing positions to license and support teen foster homes.
- On-call crisis stabilization with licensed mental health providers.
- Behavioral services and plans to include one-to-one, behavioral analysis, in home coaching for foster parents.
- Specialized training and support to teen foster parents.
- Stipends for foster parents and youth.

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

Caregiver education/skill building, stress/crisis management, evidenced based therapeutic and behavioral analysis, behavior modification plans, linkage to community resources/supports, teen enrichment activities.

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

At-risk children and youth currently in out-of-home care under the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families who exhibit high risk behaviors and needs that include, but are not limited to the following: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC), crossover youth dually involved with the Department of Children and Families and Department of Juvenile Justice, mental health diagnosis, severe behavioral challenges, low-functioning or dually diagnosed developmentally delayed, pregnant or parenting youth, children that identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ), children with history of substance abuse, children and youth with multiple placement disruptions due to behaviors.

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

ROI shows significant cost savings to the state, measured through the reduction of placement disruptions; increased compliance with juvenile probation; reduction of number of youth placed in group homes; reduction of high risk youth behaviors, including, but not limited to: runaway, new arrest, teen pregnancy, psychiatric hospitalization, and; increased school stability. Improved mental, physical, and emotional well-being of high risk teens in out of home care through the provision of trauma informed services. Increased number of foster families trained and equipped to serve the community's most challenging youth and resource parents acquiring the knowledge, skills and assets needed to effectively manage the behavioral challenges older youth exhibit, resulting in an increased likelihood families will welcome these children into their homes, maintain placement stability and commit to permanence, thus enhancing the youth's well-being.

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?

Financial consequences for failure to meet performance measures/contract standards, and if not resolved within a reasonable period, termination of 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