



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2054

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This will be to fund a "no eject-no reject" shelter. Community Based Care organizations are required to accept every child that is removed from the family home which includes foster children who have significantly complex issues. The shelter will take harder to place children including those with a criminal, substance abuse, mental illness, sexual abuse or runaway history that prohibits traditional foster homes from accepting them. This will also enable case managers to avoid the need to keep children who have been expelled from school in the office.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	524,552
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	524,552

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)	524,552	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	524,552	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Community Based Care Safe Children Coalition being funded 32.4% below the statewide average which is \$8,083,995.

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

No



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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	Funding for executive oversight and expenses, including payroll, IT, HR and quality assurance.	46,530
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	The shelter has to have a lower ratio of staff to children due to the complex issues and needs of these foster children. This would include salaries and benefits to meet the necessary staffing ratios.	290,606
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Occupancy (rent or depreciation), Insurance, utilities Facility management (maintenance, repair, Equipment (washer, dryer, stove, etc..)) Vehicle: Lease, Maintenance, Repairs, Insurance, Fuel, etc. Direct Financial Assistance to Child {allowance} Food Expense Clothing {excludes the annual clothing allowance} Child specific supplies including school, personal incidentals	152,656
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Behavioral management services, Communication expenses (including cell phones), Office supplies, Staff travel, Other staff-related expenses (background screening, employment advertisement); and Marketing expenses.	34,760
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		524,552

12. Program Performance

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

The shelter will serve as a safe place for children with significant criminal history, substance abuse history, mental illness, or other reasons they are in foster care and cannot be placed in a traditional foster home. Children will go to school, court hearings, extracurricular activities and will be able to remain in the shelter without having to wait for placement.

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

The shelter will allow children to have a safe place to reside when the option of a traditional foster home is unavailable due to the child's significant criminal history, substance abuse history or mental illness. There will be education, transportation, extracurricular activities, social skills, food, clothing, personal needs, etc.

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

The shelter would provide all the basic needs; however, there would be additional case management wraparound services, education, transportation, extracurricular activities, medical, dental, and social activities such as movies, parks, etc.

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



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This program will serve children identified as “at risk” due to their substance abuse, criminal activity, mental health and other high risk behaviors resulting in their inability to be placed in a traditional licensed foster home setting. These children often have significant and unresolved trauma as a result of abuse, neglect, and/ or abandonment from their own family and need a safe and nurturing home environment until such time that the youth are able to be safely reunified with their family, placed with a relative or non-relative caregiver, or matched with one of our licensed foster homes to promote their long-term safety, wellness, and stability. The shelter will be licensed for 6 children at a time.

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

The children will have a safe place to live when there is no other option for the child. This will lower the run episodes of the child, lower their episodes of criminal activity as they will have their needs met, increase stability in their educational needs and stabilize behaviors while children are waiting on a higher level of care.

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?

The Community Based Care Organization would return unused money to the Department of Children and Families.

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