



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1609

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will provide the Family-Match adoption matching technology to equip case workers to help legal orphans in Florida achieve permanency through adoption. Family-Match promotes permanency and placement stability by providing insight into the relational fit of child and family matches, assisting agencies in identifying and selecting families who best meet the needs of waiting children, and providing families with support and education throughout the adoption and post-adoption process.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>350,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>350,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?  No

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?

No



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

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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	Allocated wages and benefits for Regional Director managing the Family-Match Program in Florida.	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Allocated wages and benefits for executive leadership team to provide program oversight and project management support.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Wages and benefits for Florida support positions. Family Coordinator dedicated to servicing Florida families by providing assistance and guidance through the onboarding, matching, placement, adoption and post-adoption process. Family Coordinator validates the eligibility of families with home study agencies. Agency Coordinator provides training and support to system users.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Application hosting and infrastructure costs. User engagement activities to drive application use. Post-placement supports for adoptive families. Travel to all regions of state, including mileage reimbursement per IRS guidelines, reimbursements for overnight travel accommodations (hotel, car rental, air travel), and meals.	45,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Data Science and research support for ongoing analysis and program improvement. Software: assurance, security, application enhancements, user interface updates, and customizations. Ongoing technical support for all users through email and phone.	135,000
<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>350,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

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

Adoption-Share provides ongoing training and support to agency users in the use of the Family-Match application, ensures the technology is accessible and operational 24/7, 365 days per year, and continuously makes upgrades and enhancements. Data on system usage and outcomes will be provided to the Department of Children and Families and Community Based Care Lead Agencies on a quarterly basis. Adoption-Share is committed to ensuring the Family-Match application is accessible and operational 24/7, 365 days per year. Adoption-Share will provide ongoing training and support to agency users.

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

Family-Match assists agencies by 1) Providing a centralized, data-driven recruitment tool which provides opportunities to sustain general, targeted and child specific recruitment strategies to increase the pool of foster/adoptive families, and 2) Offering matching technology which provides workers with a centralized repository of families to help find the best placements based on critical data.

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

Persons with poor mental health. Persons with poor physical health. At-risk youth. Developmentally disabled. Physically disabled. Preschool students. Grade school students. High school students. Children in foster care who are available for adoption but have no identified family.

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

Provide adoption workers with technology to efficiently and effectively identify families to best meet the child's needs. Reduce time to match; Increase placement stability; and Reduce Adoption Dissolutions. Methodology - Matches, Placements, and Adoptions made in system. Placement Stability and Adoption Dissolutions tracked in the Department of Children and Families, Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN).

##### 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 these expectations should result in a 10% holdback of funds.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**