



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2177

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The mission of the All Star Children's Foundation (ASCF) is to build a brighter future for children in foster care through innovation, science, and compassion. ASCF is situated on a 5-acre campus that includes a pediatric outpatient mental health and research center, along with 6 single-family foster homes. Foster parents and children on campus as well as through our outpatient program receive comprehensive supportive services and assessments from a team of trauma-informed professionals.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 1,500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,500,000 |

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) | 1,500,000 | 32% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 1,500,000 | 33% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 350,000 | 8% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 1,250,000 | 27% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 | 4,600,000 | 100% |

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2021-22 | 0 | 1,250,000 | 315A | No |

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.**

Other funding for ASCF's programs and services come through federal grants, local philanthropy, and partnerships with individual and family foundations. Another source of funding comes through a contract with the Safe Children Coalition, our local service provider for children in foster care.

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



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Yes

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

PPP loans in 2020 and 2021 used to offset payroll costs and expenditures.

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 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Chief Program Officer, CEO, CFO | 309,500 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Accounting, Marketing, Development, Administrative Staff | 110,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Utilities, Repairs & Maintenance, Office Supplies, Information Technology costs, Cleaning & Maintenance | 152,300 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Professional Fees, Outsourced Accounting/HR Services | 35,000 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Clinical Director, Psychiatrist, Therapy Clinicians, Campus Director, Family Support Worker, Campus Coordinator, Campus Case Manager, Campus Caretaker | 551,300 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Clinical Supplies, Training, Certifications, Workshops, Foster Parent Support Services, Enrichment, Community Outreach, Foster Parent Recruitment , Foster Home Supplies & Maintenance, Independent Living and Birth Parent Support Services | 176,900 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Clinical Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychiatric Services, Medical Director | 165,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 1,500,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific goal or purpose would be to continue delivering the six core programs at ASCF and to increase services to more youth and families in foster care through outpatient services. Another goal would be to engage other service providers to continue to build trauma informed systems and processes to better serve this population of children and families. Through consultation, collaboration, and partnership, ASCF aims to increase better outcomes and decrease negative outcomes for children and families with foster care involvement.

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

The funds will be used to continue to implement our six core programs: Evidence Based Trauma Interventions, Trauma Trainings, Foster Parent Support, Trauma Informed Systems Integration, Birth Family Engagement, and Enrichment Services. With a sustained focus on implementing and refining these programs on our campus we are increasing capacity to serve more children and families in the community through outpatient services.

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

Direct services include evidence-based clinical therapy, development therapies, psychological assessment, multidisciplinary teaming and coordination of care including consultation with child welfare case managers, teachers, and other system providers. Birth family engagement includes child-parent interactions and interactions between ASCF foster parents and birth families.

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

The target population are children in foster care in the 12th judicial circuit, foster parents, birth families, and other system providers who we work collaboratively with to coordinate care. We aim to serve 200-300 individuals during this funding cycle.

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

We aim to increase positive outcomes and decrease negative outcomes for children in foster care. These outcomes are measured through a battery of assessments given periodically throughout treatment. These assessments may include child behavior checklists, trauma symptom checklist for youth, and regular reporting through our electronic health records. Method of measurements would be that once we engage clients in evidence-based treatment modalities, our hope would be that their trauma symptomatology would decrease throughout their participation in services. We contract and collaborate with a primary care physician and other services including occupational and speech therapy as well as implementing neuro-psychological evaluations. Increased accessibility for specialized services is measured through participation in services. Typical providers have long wait lists so linkage to these services help increase their accessibility to these services.

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?

Suggested penalties to be considered would be to put corrective action plans together to ensure deliverables and performance measures as well as to discontinue funding after a certain period for failing to meet outcome measurements and deliverables.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number