



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2497

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

With the Tampa Bay area recently having an inordinate number of teenage children entering the foster care system, the purpose is to expand program reach both numerically and geographically to continue to reduce the stress of the system, the foster parents, and these foster/trauma-impacted youth as they transition to adulthood and fatherhood. Key program performance metrics of the program show male youth more likely to obtain stable housing, find stable employment, avoid incarceration, and address mental health; metrics show a 90%+ foster parent licensure year-over-year retention rate for those enrolled in the program.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</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)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,500	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.**

Appropriated funds can be supplemented with fee for service contracts with the local Community Based Care agencies and private 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.

## 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	direct care staff will be needed to implement the project and to enhance and expand offerings to an increased number of constituents	221,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Recruitment of male volunteers, customized wraparound supports for foster families, life skills, fathering/parenting, leadership and on the job training, field training, scholarship incentives and opportunities, travel, supplies, rent, utilities, insurance, goals set and met incentives, program certification.	209,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Community partners who provide life and leadership skills training, on the job training, life skills weekends, one-on-one and group to group intensives, internships, money and finance, and training staff and volunteers in trauma informed care.	70,000
<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>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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To retain active licensure of foster parents at 85% or higher, thus reducing the stress on the system to place the inordinate number of children in care; additionally, to show life skills obtained in 85% of mentoring relationships in those affected by foster care. Program data shows participants are 73% more likely to find stable housing, 75% more likely to enroll in school or find stable employment, and 93% more likely to avoid incarceration. All of these aim at producing cost avoidance for the State of Florida, generating \$1.5 million return on investment.

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

Youth in the foster care system are provided personalized coaching plans that equip them to enter adulthood successfully, find employment, secure stable housing, improve mental health, and experience less incarceration. The most successful youth receive mentorship from trauma-trained male volunteers. Foster families receive comprehensive wraparound support services such as meals, respite, and home projects.

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

Staff will recruit, train, and coordinate male volunteers to provide foster families with wraparound support services, as well as recruit and train mentors to serve as positive, consistent, male role models for those impacted by trauma from foster care. Leadership training, on the job training, mentorship, coaching, life skills training (among others) will be provided to trauma-impacted youth and young adults.

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

The target population is primarily at-risk youth, youth and young adults impacted by the child welfare system, foster parents and relative caregivers, biological parents seeking reunification, students of all ages, and those who are jobless/homeless who have been affected by the dependency system. Between 401-800 individuals will be served through the program.

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

Foster parents and relative/non-relative caregivers will report more manageable lives, less stress, and increased retention; at-risk youth will report an increase in life skills, an increased likelihood of obtaining stable housing, decreased likelihood of engaging in illegal activity, increased likelihood of enrolling in school or finding employment, all of which contribute to make communities safer. Statistics, program certifications, and surveys completed will measure the program's efficacy.

**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?**

Unless otherwise stated or without good merit, failure to meet deliverables will result in financial penalties and/or reduction in allocations as described in contract.

**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

For Profit Entity



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- 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