



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2623

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This item is eligible for recurring funding as Children's Advocacy Centers are included in Section 39.3035, Florida Statutes. The Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc. is the State Chapter for Florida's 28 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). We are an accredited Chapter of the National Children's Alliance. The Chapter employs five full time staff who provide technical assistance to the CACs, act as the fiscal agent and pass-through agency for state and federal funds; provides professional development and trainings; and community education and outreach to include legislative advocacy.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,590,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,590,000

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)	1,590,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	265,632	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	4,497,346	68%
Local	0	0%
Other	233,305	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	6,586,283	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	4,193,240	1,500,000	1303	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.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Costs associated with the development of a new staff position to meet the growing needs of members and to achieve the mission of the agency.	90,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Sub-awards to 28 Child Advocacy Centers	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,590,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) and the Florida Network of CACs (FNCAC) will facilitate the operations and services of (CACs) providing direct services to child victims of abuse in their communities and training and technical assistance to multidisciplinary partners throughout the state. Children and families receive trauma-informed, evidence-based care at CACs and the FNCAC aims to promote and enhance these services through targeted training and technical support. The goal of the funding is to address the needs of child-victims and to ensure the efficacy of the multidisciplinary team (MDT) model in child abuse investigations in Florida. CACs facilitate the collaboration of MDT partners from law enforcement, Department of Children & Families, State Attorney's Office, Child Protection Teams, Victim Advocates, and Mental Health professionals and streamline services and interventions needed during an investigation of child abuse.

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

Florida's 28 CACs will use state funding to facilitate the multidisciplinary team approach to child-abuse investigations in their communities and provide direct services, training, and technical supports to partners and child victims of abuse. The Florida Network of CAC supports the CACs at a statewide level to promote the national model and standards of accreditation established by the National Children's Alliance.

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

Core CAC Services to include victim advocacy, trauma-informed mental health, case management, forensic interviews, medical evaluations, and psychiatric evaluations will be provided to citizens through this project. Additionally, coordination and facilitation of current best practices and training modalities will be offered to multidisciplinary teams in the state by the Florida Network of CACs.

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

The target population for this project are child-victims of abuse and their families, multidisciplinary partners such as law enforcement, state attorneys' offices, mental health professionals, etc., and local community stakeholders. Based on previous year's outcomes, and the percentage of total allocation of funds to CACs in Florida, we can anticipate that this funding request would service approximately 2500 victims of child-abuse in our state.

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

The expected benefit from funding for this project is to help CACs and the state chapter meet their missions and the needs of children in their communities. CACs provide monthly financial invoices, data reports, and are monitored by the FNCAC both virtually and in-person. The National Children's Alliance's standards of accreditation require that each individual center collect initial and follow-up surveys from families and the multidisciplinary partners either through the Outcome Measurement System available at a national level or through their own standard practice. The FNCAC may review survey results at any time. The FNCAC administers a bi-annual Membership Survey to its members in order to continuously improve its services and engagement with CACs.

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 current contract with the Department of Legal affairs adequately addresses penalties for non-compliance.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number