



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1119

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 treatment and research center, along with 6 single-family foster homes. ASCF provides comprehensive, evidence-based, trauma-focused assessments, interventions, and supports that address the needs of children with child welfare involvement who live on our campus and in relative, foster, and group homes.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,250,000	28%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	350,000	8%
Local	1,250,000	28%
Other	80,000	2%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,430,000	100%

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,500,000	318A	No

9. **Is future-year 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, county funding, 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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	230,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Accounting, Marketing, Development, Administrative Staff	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Utilities, Repairs & Maintenance, Office Supplies, IT expense, Cleaning & Maintenance, Insurance	360,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Fees, Outsourced Accounting/HR Services	60,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Clinical Director, Psychiatrist, Mental Health Clinicians, Campus Director, Campus Coordinator, Case Managers, Campus Caretakers	400,000
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	175,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Clinical Support Services, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychiatric Services, Medical Director, Mental Health Services	75,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. 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?

Funds will be used to implement trauma-based services and include: an assessment, consultation, counseling, and wrap-around supports for children in foster care and their caregivers living in the community. We also holding regular Multidisciplinary Team Meetings for each child residing on the ASCF campus and children in the community receiving outpatient mental health services. Additionally, we conduct training in evidence-based, trauma-informed care practices to community members and/or child welfare professionals.

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

Direct services include evidence-based clinical therapy for children in foster care and their caregivers, developmental therapies (e.g., speech and occupational therapies), psychological and trauma assessments, case management, case consultation, linkage to services, and training for community members and providers (e.g., schools, Guardian ad Litem volunteers, case managers, clinicians, etc.) on trauma and trauma-informed care.

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

Our target population for services and supports is children and families with child welfare involvement in the 12th judicial circuit, including licensed foster parents, relative caregivers, and birth families and their children. Training and consultation services are provided to various systems and professionals that intersect with children with trauma histories and child welfare involvement, including case managers, teachers, foster parents, mental health clinicians, Guardian ad Litem (GAL) volunteers, and court officials. We aim to serve 250-300 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?

The expected benefit to children in foster care would include early identification of developmental and mental health needs of children, reduced trauma symptoms, improved emotional and behavioral functioning, and improved social skills. Outcomes are measured through a battery of caregiver and child-report forms administered quarterly. This battery include: standardized measures that assess children's overall mental health and well-being, trauma symptoms, psychological functioning, social skills, and adaptive skills. Benefits to foster parents working with ASCF include, improved trauma-informed parenting techniques, overall well-being, as well as retention and recruitment of foster parents into the circuit.

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 in the contract?

Failing to meet deliverables could include implementing a corrective action plan to ensure deliverables and performance measures are met. Additionally, if agency fails to successfully complete the corrective action plan, funding would be discontinued.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.