



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1597

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

4. Project/Program Description

In both Broward and Palm Beach Counties, ChildNet operates a short-term licensed emergency shelter called Safe Place. It is designed to ease the transition of children entering foster care through an evidenced-based, trauma-focused approach that provides children with a safe, nurturing, and therapeutic environment. Children entering foster care often experience confusion, grief and loss. Safe Place provides supervision and support with a trauma-informed focus on the child's adjustment to removal from their home. During their stay at Safe Place, the needs of each child are assessed to ensure their immediate needs related to food, clothing, and medical/behavioral health services are met expeditiously. Due to the growing entry of high acuity teens with complex needs, it is essential that these youth have a safe, private, and comfortable area that is separate from younger or more vulnerable children. Funds will support expansion of the area to allow for these necessary accommodations.

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	19,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	161,500
Total State Funds Requested	181,000

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)	181,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	20,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	201,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.
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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/15/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/15/2025

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

This project will be a one time cost for the renovations and not on-going. There will be associated maintenance costs only which will be supported through Florida Department of Children and Families funds, along with provide donations and grants.

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.

ChildNet will receive the funds and work with the building landlord to coordinate and oversee the construction. 82 Holdings, LLC is the landlord for Broward and In-Rel Properties for Palm Beach. However, funds will not be paid directly to 82 Holdings or In-Rel. ChildNet leases the building from 82 Holdings and In-Rel Properties.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Broward: Living Space furniture for new and old areas - \$15,000 Palm Beach: Outdoor items for teens - \$2,000 Commercial Washer and Dryer - \$2,500	19,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Broward - \$132,200 New Teen Area (30X40) - Demo and creation of new space - \$46,100 Renovate existing space - \$40,000 Kitchen Renovation with appliances - \$14,100 Bathroom(s) Renovation - \$12,000 Outdoor Space Renovation - \$20,000 Palm Beach - \$29,300 Kitchen Renovation - \$14,300 Outdoor Space Renovation - \$15,000	161,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		181,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose will be to provide a safe, nurturing, and comfortable teen-friendly environment for older youth spending time temporarily at Safe Place in both Broward and Palm Beach Counties. In this nurturing setting, the immediate basic needs of youth will be met including food, clothing, and medical/behavioral health care needs while focusing on reduction of trauma. Along with those critical reasons, the ultimate goal is to maintain the youth in a safe and comfortable setting while seeking the most appropriate longer-term placement that best meets the needs of complex, high acuity youth. In doing so, it is expected that placement will be stable for the youth and placement moves will be reduced.

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

ChildNet will provide supervision and trauma-focused care 24 hours a day, 7 days per week for the youth at SafePlace. This includes assessment of needs and coordination of basic needs include provision of food, clothing, short-term safe housing, and connection to medical and behavioral health care. ChildNet will coordinate and oversee all construction in order to renovate the space to enhance safety, privacy, and comfort for the youth.

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

Direct services to the citizens will include 24/7 supervision and trauma-informed care, as well as providing basic needs of food, clothing, short-term safe housing, and connection to medical and behavioral health care.

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

Target population includes children ages birth to 18 who enter the foster care system in Broward and Palm Beach counties due to abuse, neglect, and/or abandonment. Ages of the children may range from 0-18, but focus of this project will be on teens ages 13-17. ChildNet's Broward and Palm Beach Safe Place programs will serve at least 150 children annually.

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

The ultimate outcome is to increase placement stability for children in out of home foster care in Broward and Palm Beach county. This will be measured applying the metric: Placement moves per 1000 days in foster care will be not exceed 4.5%.

Methodology: This measure is the rate at which children change placements while in Out of Home Care (OHC) during the report period.

Denominator: The total number of days in OHC during the report period

Numerator: The total number of placements moves during the report period for all children in the denominator

Method: Total # of children entering care in the SFY divided by the total pop of children x 1000

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?



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ChildNet is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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):

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.



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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)
- 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.