



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1750

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Established in 1884, Daniel is the oldest child-serving agency in Florida. Our motto, "improving the odds for kids" captures the purpose of our mission "to improve the lives of children and families." To this end, we offer mental health treatment, foster care, and homeless services. We seek to ensure that the most vulnerable children and families are provided with the skills and supports necessary to become healthy, contributing citizens. The purpose of this project is to plan, design, and construct a new, state of the art treatment facility for children facing complex mental health disorders.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	19%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,200,000	81%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,200,000	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?

10/1/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/31/2026

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

The agency has provided residential mental health treatment services continuously since 1973. Ongoing operations are supported by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA), The Department of Children and Families, and Foster Care Agencies throughout the state.

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.

The organization is a non-profit, IRS 501(c)3. Funds are requested for capital improvements for a facility serving children with complex psychiatric disorders. Funds will be used for construction expenses only.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Design, site preparation and construction expense for a new 5,600 square foot, all-brick, residential treatment cottage with an attached commercial kitchen, nursing center, mental health professional offices, dining and public areas, and 10 bedrooms (12 beds).	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The purpose of this request is to provide a state of the art facility in which to provide a safe, homelike facility for the most vulnerable children in the State of Florida.

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

Funds will be used for demolition of the existing treatment home, and planning, design and construction of a new, all brick treatment home with an attached commercial kitchen, serving the entire Daniel campus.

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

The Statewide In-Patient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) has provided comprehensive mental health services since 1973. Service components include on-site psychiatry, therapy, and medical/nursing. Additional developmental services include art, music, equine and pet therapies.

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

The target population are children, ages 7-18, facing mental health disorders that affect their respective abilities to thrive. The program serves approximately 110 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 benefit for this project is to provide a safe, modern facility for psychiatric treatment of children facing significant, complex mental health disorders. The goal for these children is to develop the coping skills and resilience to thrive and return to their respective Florida communities. Positive outcomes are measured by incremental progress toward individual treatment plan goals as well as successful discharge.

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?

If the agency fails to meet deliverables, all funds will be returned to the State of Florida.

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):

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:



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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)
- 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



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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.