



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2145

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Florida Children's Initiative transforms high-risk communities by reducing juvenile reoffending through targeted interventions that equip at-risk youth with job training, financial literacy, and emotional resilience. By leveraging strategic partnerships with businesses and community organizations, the program creates career pathways, fosters mentorship, and empowers youth to break cycles of poverty and crime. Measured by reduced recidivism and increased economic self-sufficiency, this initiative drives lasting change and safer communities.

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	1,120,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,120,000</b>

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)	1,120,000	9%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	11,567,500	91%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>12,687,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	560,000	#1225	Yes

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.**

The Florida Children's Initiative sustains its impact through statewide fundraising, corporate partnerships, and local government support. While these efforts help expand programs, continued state investment remains vital.



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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
<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</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subcontract with each of the five Florida Children's Initiatives	1,120,000
<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>1,120,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds will reduce juvenile reoffending by expanding evidence-based programs that provide at-risk youth with job training, financial literacy, and emotional resilience. By creating career pathways, fostering mentorship, and enhancing education support, the initiative empowers youth to break cycles of crime and poverty. Funding will strengthen services in high-risk communities, improving economic self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, and increasing public safety.

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



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The funds will support evidence-based programs that provide at-risk youth with job training, financial literacy workshops, and emotional wellness support. Services include career exploration, mentorship, soft skills development, conflict resolution training, and college readiness preparation. Participants will receive professional attire, resume coaching, and direct job placements through partnerships with local businesses. The initiative also includes after-school tutoring and impulse control training to reduce juvenile reoffending and promote long-term economic self-sufficiency.

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

The appropriation will provide at-risk youth with direct services including job training, financial literacy education, mentorship, and emotional wellness support. Participants will receive career coaching, resume assistance, professional attire, and job placements through partnerships with local businesses. The program also offers after-school tutoring, conflict resolution training, and college readiness workshops, equipping youth with the skills and opportunities needed to break cycles of crime and poverty.

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

The project serves at-risk youth, economically disadvantaged individuals, jobless persons, those with poor mental or physical health, homeless individuals, and juvenile offenders. It specifically targets high-risk communities where youth are most vulnerable to crime and poverty. The initiative is expected to serve between 201 and 400 individuals annually, providing them with the resources and opportunities needed to achieve long-term success.

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

The project aims to reduce juvenile reoffending, increase economic self-sufficiency, and improve public safety by equipping at-risk youth with job training, mentorship, and essential life skills. Success will be measured through reductions in recidivism rates, tracked via juvenile justice records, participant follow-ups at 6 and 12 months, and collaboration with law enforcement. Employment outcomes will be assessed by tracking job placements, employer feedback, and participant surveys. Educational and behavioral improvements will be monitored through program attendance, academic progress, and self-reported growth in financial literacy and emotional resilience.

**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?**

While the standard penalties outlined in the contract provide a strong framework for accountability, the contracting agency may consider additional measures tailored to the specific circumstances of non-compliance. These could include actions designed to encourage timely resolution, foster collaboration, and ensure future adherence to deliverables and performance measures. The goal is to address issues constructively while maintaining the integrity and objectives of the agreement.

**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



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

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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