



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2360

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the funds is to continue 100% retention of foster parents through wraparound support services and expand early intervention for male, fatherless youths projected to age out of the foster care system by providing mentoring, coaching, and concierge workforce development opportunities starting in middle and high school. There will be a special focus on group homes and an expansion in our target demographic to include youths (mostly fatherless) at Title 1 schools. These efforts curb criminal activity and increase graduation rates among teenagers most at risk to continue the cycle of generational fatherlessness. This long-term strategy will save Floridians millions in welfare aid and social service contracts over the next decade.

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	499,744
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	499,744

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)	499,744	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	756,055	60%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,255,799	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	499,247	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.

Private funding and fee-for-service contracts.



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Direct care staff is needed to expand services.	369,749
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Recruitment of male volunteers, customized wrap around supports for foster families, life skills and field training support for foster youth and aged-out youth, goals set and met incentives, program certification, travel, office supplies, rent, utilities, insurance.	99,283
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants to provide expertise around life and leadership skills training, on the job training, group intensives, employment opportunities and income generating activities, trauma-informed care training, and mental health coaching (some of which has been brought on from the trauma of the 2024 hurricanes.)	30,712
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		499,744

13. Program Performance

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



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To increase retention of foster parents and decrease the likelihood of criminal behavior among male youths in out-of-home care and those who have aged out of foster care, as well as increase graduation rates among those attending Title 1 schools. Foster parents enrolled in our wraparound support program renew at nearly 100% year over year, reducing the burden of recruitment. Young men and male youths in our programs are more likely to enroll in school, avoid incarceration, find stable housing, and address mental health and substance abuse needs than their peers nationwide.

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

Youth impacted by fatherlessness are connected to coaches/mentors who provide stability and direction for adulthood. A special focus on Title 1 schools will expand mentoring initiative to catch those at risk. Customized plans for each youth are developed to aid in educational goals, vocational training, life skills, and peer-to-peer mentoring. Foster parents receive support to aid in retention.

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

Staff recruit and train mentors/coaches to serve as positive, consistent, male role models for those impacted by fatherlessness. Direct care provided through training on self-leadership, healthy habits, parenting, vocational goals, and connecting to resources. Volunteers recruited to provide foster families with support services, including hurricane relief and mental load reduction. Support services may include meals, diapers, work projects around the house, respite care, connection to therapeutic care, among others.

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

We anticipate between 400-800 male youths (ages 12-24) impacted by fatherlessness to be served by this project, and/or foster families serving children ranging from newborn to 17 years old. Demographics include roughly 50% Caucasian, 45% African American, and 5% other. Expansion efforts will help target Title 1 schools with high populations of minorities.

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

Youths will show an increase in self-confidence and capacity to mature into responsible adults, as evidence by a decrease in criminal behavior, the ability to find and maintain stable housing and employment/educational goals and adequately address their mental health and substance abuse issues (if necessary), especially among those adversely impacted by the hurricanes of 2024. Surveys will be conducted from the constituents, case notes will log progress, and input/surveys from service providers will be assessed.

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?

We recommend a financial consequence of \$1000 should we fail to meet our performance metrics and deliverables as outlined in the contract.

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



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- 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)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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.