



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3071

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This pilot will serve mothers and female caregivers with open child protective services cases as an alternative to child removal, ensuring children remain in their care while families receive coordinated support services, family well-being education, and strengthened social support systems. By intervening before removal, the project will reduce foster care placements, improve child welfare worker satisfaction, and generate data-driven insights for statewide policy decisions. The project will serve approximately 400-600 mothers and children in Broward County and produce actionable data and insights for use by the Department of Children and Families and partnering agencies.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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?

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)?

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	CEO's allocated time to support the project.	15,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Vice President of the programs allocated time to support the project.	17,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Advocacy Case Managers connect mothers to vital services within the community, create and monitor the Advocate relationship, conduct intake, action plan development, and evaluations.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Client support and engagement to include lifestyle classes, transportation, incentives, benevolence, and community building.	268,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This pilot will serve mothers and female caregivers with open child protective services cases as an alternative to child removal, ensuring children remain in their care while families receive coordinated support services, family well-being education, and strengthened social support systems. By intervening before removal, the project will reduce foster care placements, improve child welfare worker satisfaction, and generate data-driven insights for statewide policy decisions.



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

Services will include: Case Management and Advocacy to provide personalized support plans specific to each mother's unique situation, access to Essential Resources to stabilize the mother and family as well as Life Skills Education to ensure each mother has the skills necessary to remain stable long term.

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

Recipients will receive individualized action plans and connections to essential community resources like housing assistance, employment opportunities, and mental health support as well as access to food, diapers, and emergency financial assistance to prevent eviction, etc. Finally they'll receive parental, financial literacy, and household management workshops to ensure they are able to thrive.

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

Mother's and their children in County. We estimate anywhere from 400-600 will be served.

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

Each year, DCF investigates over 11,000 abuse and neglect reports in Broward, leading to 600 children entering foster care annually. Many families receive no post-investigation support, increasing their risk of future CPS involvement. This project aims to achieve an 85% family preservation rate for mothers receiving services at both program completion and 12-months post completion.

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?

Return of Funds.

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

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