



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3072

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Through delivery of its Family Centric Model (FCM), AMIkids wants to engage, empower & strengthen families to break the cycle of juvenile justice involvement. AMIkids developed FCM, a research informed community-based model, in 2016. The model was created to improve family functioning while reducing anti-social behaviors and improve psychosocial functioning of youth. Sessions are provided in the home with all family members and progress through three stages: family bonding & assessment, family development, and family preservation. Using an approved human subject research protocol, the Justice Research Center conducted a randomized clinical trial to measure the model's effectiveness for 3 years. Results showed that youth who were assigned to receive FCM services achieved greater reductions in defiant, aggressive, and rule breaking behaviors. Parents of youth served in the FCM project reported significant improvements in family communication and functioning.

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	1,060,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,060,000</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)	1,060,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,060,000</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	1,060,000	1225	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.



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AMIkids continues to fundraise through private dollars and apply for federal grants; however, this money is used to enhance the work of supporting youth at-risk of juvenile justice involvement and does not supplant other dollars.

## 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	Executive Director (Salary, payroll taxes, and benefits)	79,146
Other Salary and Benefits	Treatment services oversight and administration; Administrative services such as budgeting, human resources, risk management, benefits administration, training, payroll services, financial reporting, youth data management, contract administration and technology services, etc.	96,364
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Family Support Supervisor, Family Support Specialists, Business Manager, Administrative Assistant (salaries, payroll taxes and benefits)	686,247
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, assessment tools, family assistance, professional development for family services, travel costs, telecommunication, insurance, program outreach, staff hiring, and other staff expenses	198,243
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>1,060,000</b>
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**13. Program Performance**

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

Divert youth who demonstrate criminal risk factors from initial contact with DJJ or from further Department of Juvenile Justice involvement and incorporate family engagement and alliance so that the prevention and intervention services with youth have a long term impact.

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

The Family Centric model includes three stages of services (Family Bonding and Assessment, Family Development, Family Preservation). A Family Support Specialist provides 10 to 18 sessions with specific skills for families focused on one of three tracks, based on assessed risks and needs: aggression and conflict, healthy relationships and positive use of free time, and effective communication. Services are provided in the home or, when not feasible, in a location convenient for the family within the community.

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

Family Centric Model direct services include in-home services provided by family support specialists, family education sessions, and supportive services including counseling referrals.

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

Target population includes the following: persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, youth at risk of justice involvement, drug users in health services, grade school students, high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders in criminal justice.

AMIkids expects to serve 400 students and family members through this program.

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

1. Outcome: # served who reduce anti-social behaviors, improve psychosocial functioning, improve family-functioning. Measure: all students will receive the Community Assessment Tool (CAT) or Prevention Assessment Tool (PAT) assessment, as well as the Family Assessment Device and Childhood Behavior Checklist.
2. Outcome: # of students who complete the program and do not reoffend for 12 months. Measure: AMIkids is required to submit data to FLDJJ to track offenses for 12 months after program completion as well as subsequent placement.
3. Outcome: # of students who successfully complete the program who are not adjudicated for any law offense within 12-months of program release. Measure: Youth will be tracked throughout the evaluation to determine whether they have committed a law offense during services. All youth will be tracked through the DJJ JJIS system to determine whether they are adjudicated for any law offense within 12-months of program release.

**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?**

AMIkids may be subject to corrective action plan or financial consequences for not meeting specified outcomes/performance measures.

**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):**



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**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.**

**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)



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- 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.*