



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3149

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

4. Project/Program Description

AMIkids Prevention Programs are community-based after school and day programs for youth ages 11-17. AMIkids Prevention Programs provide students comprehensive programming and support services to engage youth in positive opportunities that prepare them for success and prevent entry or further involvement in the juvenile justice system. AMIkids Gadsden is an afterschool program for boys and girls that focuses on individualized care planning, mentoring, workforce development training, community service learning and referrals for mental health. AMIkids Tallahassee will be a day program offering alternative education in a small, individualized setting for male students that have not performed well in traditional settings and require additional support to avoid dropping out of school or future involvement with the justice system. At both sites, services are provided in a comprehensive manner to impact academic achievement and reduce risk behaviors leading to court involvement.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	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	350,000		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 at-risk youth 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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	2.0 FTE: Executive Director AMIkids Gadsden, Executive Director AMIkids Tallahassee (includes payroll taxes and benefits)	190,319
Other Salary and Benefits	Budgeting, human resources, risk management, benefits administration; training; payroll services; financial reporting; student data management, contract administration, and technology services.	225,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	10.0 FTE: Directors of Operations, Business Manager, Case Managers, Behavior Interventionists, Drivers	592,924
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, travel, rent, maintenance, insurance, training, occupancy, communication, IT costs, student costs etc.	491,757
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance



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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.

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

AMIkids Prevention Programs offer structured, productive activities for youth engagement. AMIkids Gadsden provides services after school and during the summer when OJJDP reports that violence juvenile crime is most likely to occur. AMIkids Tallahassee will create a new alternative education program in Leon County for male students most at risk of dropping out of school, which places them at risk for future justice system involvement. Services with lasting impacts include mentoring, academic enrichment, workforce training, career readiness and referrals for treatment. These services provide alternative paths for ongoing youth engagement after program completion (e.g., jobs), further reducing the likelihood of involvement with the justice system.

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

Services at AMIkids Gadsden include provision of the Prevention Assessment Tool (PAT), individualized care planning, referrals for mental health and/or substance abuse services, mentoring, vocational training & employability skills development, and community service learning. AMIkids Tallahassee emphasizes instructional delivery utilizing acceleration strategies such as differentiated education, individualized instruction, and prescriptive instructional software. The focus on core content instruction and career exploration supports student progression towards high school graduation.

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

Gadsden: Male and female youth ages eleven (11) to seventeen (17). In the past year, 96% have been youth of color and approximately 77% were living in poverty.

Tallahassee: Male youth ages 11 - 17.

Approximately 140 youth will be served per year between the two programs, with an average length of engagement of 245 days or 8 months.

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

Youth will not have further involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice during program enrollment. Measure: The percentage of youth released from the program that shall not receive offenses during service shall be at or above the last Comprehensive Accountability Report (CAR) of similarly classified services .

Youth will not recidivate within one year of program completion. Measure: The percentage of youth that shall not recidivate within one (1) year of program completion shall be at or above the last Comprehensive Accountability Report (CAR) of similarly classified services.

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)



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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:

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)



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- 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

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.