



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3287

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative is a vital safety net for foster children in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties, providing case management, advocacy, and essential resources. As one of the only service providers in our communities, we fill critical gaps when other agencies lack funding or capacity. By working with judges and CBC staff, we remove barriers to stability, improve child welfare coordination, and ensure better long-term outcomes. State funding is essential to sustain and expand this work, ensuring no child falls through the cracks.

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

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)	1,000,000	74%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	26%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,350,000	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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	Salary support for Case Managers/Navigators, Program Manager, and Support Staff to provide case management, resource linkage, and program coordination, ensuring stability and support for foster children and caregivers.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program-Related Costs (Essential and Normalcy Needs, Training, Technology, Supplies, Community Outreach & Collaboration, Transportation, and Coalition Building)	500,000
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)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative ensures children in foster care, families, and caregivers in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties have access to critical resources, case management, and advocacy. Navigators provide immediate support, service coordination, and resource linkage when other agencies lack funding. By filling these gaps, the program removes barriers, enhances stability, strengthens child welfare coordination, and promotes better long-term outcomes for vulnerable youth.



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

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative provides case management, essential resources, and advocacy for foster children in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Navigators will work with judges and CBC staff to ensure children receive necessary services, help families navigate systems, and provide immediate resources like clothing, school supplies, and emergency aid when other agencies lack funding. By removing barriers, strengthening caregiver support, and improving child welfare coordination, this initiative enhances stability and ensures better long-term outcomes.

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

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative will provide direct services to children in foster care and families, including: Case Management & Advocacy: Navigators will work with judges and CBC staff to ensure children receive essential services, Service Navigation: Helping families access programs, reducing delays in care, Immediate Resources: Providing resources and emergency assistance when other agencies lack funding, and Collaboration & Reporting: Partnering with stakeholders to track progress and improve child welfare coordination.

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

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative serves children in foster care and their caregivers across Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The program prioritizes children with open and active dependency court cases who require immediate support, case management, and resource navigation. It is expected to serve at least 500 children and families annually, ensuring they receive critical services and stability.

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

The Tri-County Child Welfare Collaborative will enhance stability for foster children by ensuring timely access to essential resources, case management, and advocacy. The program will improve service access by reducing delays, strengthening coordination among judges, CBC staff, and service providers, and filling critical resource gaps when other agencies lack funding. Outcomes will be measured through service tracking, timeliness metrics, caregiver and child impact surveys, stakeholder feedback, and data analysis to monitor trends in accessibility, resource distribution, and overall program impact.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reason will result in financial penalties as described 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):

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- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- 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
 - Other (please specify)



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d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
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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.