



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1754

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To establish a comprehensive toolkit and resource center to educate and equip system professionals and organizations on the implementation and application of standards that will guide and inform on the engagement and inclusion of individuals with lived expertise in all aspects of the child welfare system from policy to practice.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	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 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	300,000	315A	Yes

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

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?

12. 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	EVP Supervision/Oversight	9,945
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Services provided by Florida Coalition for Children staff. Administrative support Accounting Marketing Communications	45,454
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computer, cell phone and travel	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant services provided by the Florida Coalition for Children. Website designers/developers	39,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Project Director	84,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, Meetings, Events, Parent Leadership Conference/Summit, Cell phones, and computers.	162,800
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Policy, Standards, Curriculum Design Experts Lived Experience Stipends/Compensation Pilot Demonstration Study Sites	146,301
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The formation and implementation of statewide standards, training and technical assistance to the child welfare system of care to promote and support the inclusion and compensation practices for parents and individuals with lived expertise at all levels from policy to practice. To hire a project director, consultants and parent leaders to design training, and lead in the development, growth, and inclusion of parent voice, expertise and leadership as standard practice. To establish a replicable toolkit, virtual web-based resource center and convene family leadership/system professional venues. To provide seed funding to pilot demonstration study sites to implement the new standards and practices across local systems of care.

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

The formation and application of best practice standards and guidance.
Conduct a pilot demonstration site study conducted.
Design a replicable toolkit and training.
Create and launch a Parent Leadership virtual resource center.
Convene a Lived Expertise/System Professional Symposium.
To coordinate and unify the work being done by various child welfare related parent initiatives emerging across the state of Florida.

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

A recruited council of experts, partners, and individuals with lived expertise within child-welfare that will establish a set of standards, training, and access to resources to define, foster and strengthen the relationship between system professionals, policy makers and individuals with lived experience.

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

The target population is system professionals, community leaders and individuals with lived experience in the child welfare system. This project is expected to serve and impact 500 individuals in year 1.

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

The outcomes of this project include:
1. Better outcomes for individuals served in the child welfare system as a result of the cultural shift and normalization of parent voice being valued and included at all levels of the system.
2. More efficient and effective case planning and services.
3. Reduced entry into care and shorter length of involvement resulting from authentic engagement, support and partnerships.
4. ROI through individuals formerly served by the system lending their experience and expertise to improve the system and to provide support to parents as peers.

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 the contract?

Withhold reimbursement of State funding.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization
b. Municipality and County



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number