



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3183

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Mission: Protect the rights of children to have access to their parents by providing education, resources, and support services for successful co-parenting strategies.
 Goal: To create a seamless process for parents while establishing custody of a child and provide the opportunity for them to reach their full potential.
 Our Children Have Rights serves children by assisting parents navigating their child custody and co-parenting processes, at no cost to the family. We provide:
 No-cost consultations: Direct engagements with parents are performed via Zoom, FaceTime, Phone, Email & Text. Services are accessible to all parents, statewide, across 67 counties. Consultations are on an as needed, on-going basis.
 No-cost document review: Focusing on parenting plans & related documents.
 No-cost virtual resource center: Education, legal aid navigation support, and mental health and wellness.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	325,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	325,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	325,000	68%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	150,000	32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	475,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**



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Organization's board chair, on-going fundraising efforts, grant applications.

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

No

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

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
 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?

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operating costs (mileage, parking, travel, supplies, printing, postage, equipment, computer supplies, advertising, and insurance). Association and membership fees (Florida Juvenile Justice Association, Chambers of Commerce). Professional development (Nonprofit Leadership Courses). Educational write-ups in local publications, which are then disseminated on-line for access to parents statewide.	175,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Provide compensation to consulting, compliance and web-development providers that are needed to maintain and continue day-to-day operations of our program.	150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	325,000
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14. Program Performance

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

Protect the rights of children to have access to their parents by providing education, resources, and support services for successful co-parenting strategies. To create a seamless process for parents while establishing custody of a child and provide the opportunity for the child to reach their full potential.

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

No-cost consultations.
No-cost document review.
No-cost parenting workshops.

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

No-cost consultations: Direct Engagements with Parents via Zoom, FaceTime, Phone, Email & Text
No-cost document review: For Parenting Plans & Related Documents
No-cost parenting workshops: In conjunction with community-based organizations, Children's Services Councils, and other nonprofit organizations.

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

At-risk youth, persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, drug users (in health services), preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal justice).

Over 800 individuals expected to be served via no-cost consultations & documentation review.

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

Protect the general public from harm (criminal etc.): Children of the parents served will be less likely to engage in violent behavior, abuse chemical substances, and drop out of school.
Parents who maintain legal access to their children will be more likely to live responsible lives & law-abiding citizens.
Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency: Help custodial parents establish/receive child support to minimize reliance on additional welfare programs.
Reduce Recidivism: Involved parents reduces recidivism.
Divert from Criminal/Juvenile Justice System: Providing critical services to parents to maintain legal access to their child(ren) prevents kids from moving entering the system in the first place.
Other: Increase public safety for Floridians, ensure parents equal access to their child(ren), lessen the need for parents to rely on public benefits, saving taxpayer dollars. Increase state revenues from federal government for administering child support payments.

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?

Suggested penalties to be considered include a repayment of a portion of the funds, proportionate to the shortfall in deliverables. Receipts of all funds spent on professional services and other deliverables can be produced.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number