



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1933

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Diagnostic/Training Clinic has been in operation since 2005. It is the only FASD Clinic in the state, providing statewide services to children/families, birth to 21. Services include a comprehensive FASD diagnostic assessment, statewide consultation, and linkage to community providers in the area of the state client's reside. The purpose of the FASD Clinic is to determine the extent of the physical and neurological/brain damage caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol, develop the 4-Digit Diagnostic code, and determine the most appropriate services/interventions, based on the areas of brain deficit and the person's adaptive functioning. Assessing/diagnosing FASD is a specialty area requiring a highly skilled multidisciplinary team of a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, neuropsychologist, and licensed mental health clinician.

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	590,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>590,000</b>

**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)	590,000	61%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	280,000	29%
Local	27,000	3%
Other	72,587	7%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>969,587</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	280,000	450,000	539	No

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



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Yes

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

\$495,000. Funds were used to support salaries/costs for teachers and therapists to continue to provide services to children/families that had no other service/funding support available

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	CEO and CPO positions will provide leadership and oversight, stakeholder engagement, performance monitoring and accountability, risk management, strategic planning and implementation	21,000
Other Salary and Benefits	CFO/Coo, human resources and accounting positions will support the program by ensuring the program's financial health, compliance, and the well-being of the employees involved. Supports include: budgeting and financial planning, financial reporting, grant management, expense management, financial compliance, staff recruitment, onboarding, performance management, payroll oversight.	26,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Portion of salaries for the multidisciplinary team which include: Director of FASD Services, FASD Clinic Coordinator, Intake Coordinator(s), Outreach and Engagement Specialist, Parent Advocate, Mental Health Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologist and Occupation Therapist	223,337
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Testing supplies, training supplies, general office supplies, staff travel to conduct statewide trainings (includes meals, lodging and travel), costs associated with public awareness campaign	15,463



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Neuropsychological services contracted to provide IQ testing and neuropsychological testing to determine level of brain functioning on the 4-digit diagnostic code. Contracted services to include speech and occupational therapy as part of multi-disciplinary team and medical director for record review consultations.	304,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>590,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose that will be achieved by the funds requested is to continue to provide statewide FASD diagnostic assessments, FASD-informed interventions, family support and training statewide; trainings primarily to health care providers, teachers, foster and adoptive parents, birth parents and other professionals. In addition, the agency will work with the Department of Health to build an integrated, coordinated system of care for individuals with FASD and their caretakers.

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

FASD activities and services to be provided include: diagnostic assessments, medical consultations, psychological evaluations, education support, family counseling, mental health therapies and therapeutic treatments to support the families. Community awareness activities include workshops and trainings, awareness campaigns, media engagement and parent support.

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

160 FASD assessments provided to individuals suspected of having FASD in Florida, weekly parent/family support groups via zoom and/or in-person, intervention services for a minimum of 75 individuals and their families and statewide trainings and advocacy to professionals and caregivers

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

Target population includes- persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, preschool students, grade school students and/or high school students. Individuals expected to be served - 101 to 200.

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

Outcome- child will learn strategies for improving self-regulation leading to improved behavior and self control, reducing risk for school failure, law involvement, substance abuse problems, therefore, improving quality of life. Tool- Parents will complete the BASC and ABAS assessment tools to better understand child's behavior at the FASD diagnostic clinic. The team will follow up with family 2 months after the evaluation to assess improvement and/or support families in connecting with specialized support.  
 Outcome- An accurate diagnosis will support the need for appropriate educational interventions, such as 504 plan or an IEP. Child will experience greater success in school, decreasing risk of school failure, suspension and/or retention. Tool- Recommendations for the school are made during the assessment. FASD team will follow up with caregiver with coaching, educational videos to ensure child's needs are met. Caregivers report feedback during weekly support groups.

**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?**

Contracts with DOH state very specific financial consequences for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information



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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

#### 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