



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2184

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be used to build The Center for Children and Families to house and co-locate the full continuum of Child Welfare Programs in Pasco County. The Center will provide for co-location of Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA) case management services, Florida Department of Children and Families child protective services, diversion providers, and other non-profit agencies to increase communication and service coordination and to streamline access to services, reduce permanency delays, and provide services to protect children and strengthen families.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	13%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	7%
Other	6,000,000	80%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>7,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

October 2025

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.

Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc. (YFA) a non-profit 501(c)(3) is the sole owner of the property and facility.

### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning, Engineering, and construction of a 30,000 to 35,000 square foot Center to be utilized by child welfare agencies, the Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigation Services, and other non-profits serving children and families.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

The Center will house and co-locate the full continuum of Child Welfare Programs in Pasco County. Co-location and collaboration between providers will result in earlier family engagement, service referral and deployment intended to provide child safety and family strengthening. Co-location will also reduce current expenditures on leases by DCF, Community Based Care lead agencies, YFA, Diversion providers and those funds can be reinvested in services for children and families and the non-profit programs.

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

The full continuum of child welfare programs will be co-located at the Center to include: DCF Child Protective Investigations, YFA case management services, Diversion and other non-profit services to protect and heal children and families and facilitate permanency in a timely manner so families can sustain safely without continued child welfare interventions.

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

The Center will serve children and families involved in the child welfare system in Pasco County. It is anticipated based on current number of families served, that more than 800 children and families will be served annually.

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

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**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?**

Failure to meet the deliverables or performance measures would result in a reduction of approved appropriations.

**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**

**c. Organization Type**

For Profit Entity



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- 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**