



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1299

1. **Project Title** Preventing Opioid/Substance Abuse Based Removals2. **Senate Sponsor** Lori Berman3. **Date of Request** 11/13/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Palm Beach County is at the center of the opioid crisis. Therefore, opioid/general substance abuse based child removals have the potential to substantially increase, flooding an already strained child welfare system. To ensure child removals stemming from opioid/general substance abuse do not overwhelm the local system of care, ChildNet is working to expand Safety Management Services--preventative wrap-around support services that have been proven successful at reducing future child removals. The proposed program expansion would specifically target and provide Safety Management Services to families at risk of a child removal due to opioid/general substance abuse in Palm Beach County.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and FamiliesState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	360,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	360,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	360000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	360,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	00	360,000	372	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs related to providing an array of Safety Management Services to children and their caregivers impacted by opioid/general substance abuse.	360,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		360,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The goals of the requested funds are 1) to provide Safety Management Services to 250 children (and their caregivers) impacted by opioid/general substance abuse, 2) to prevent 220 children from entering foster care as a result of opioid/general substance abuse and 3) to reduce the costs associated with opioid/general substance abuse based child removals by \$5.86 million.

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

The following activities/services will be provided to meet these goals: Safety Management Services--Services designed to prevent a future child removal by providing wrap-around support to caregivers (and their families) who are identified by a Child Protective Investigator as being at-risk of a child removal due to opioid/general substance abuse. These Safety Management Services will specifically focus on caregiver behavior, crisis management, social connection, family functioning and resource support.

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

The following direct services will be provided to citizens as part of this project: 1. Behavior Management Services- Services designed to control/correct caregiver behaviors that are dangerous or threatening to a child's safety. These services will include substance abuse treatment. 2. Crisis Management Services- Services designed to mitigate and de-escalate situations that present an immediate danger, before such danger is able to impact a child. 3. Social Connection Services- Services designed to support healthy and constructive social relationships by facilitating the formation of new relationships and nurturing existing relationships, both in and out of the home.

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

The target population for this project is families (children and their caregivers) residing in Palm Beach County who were found through a Child Protective Investigation to have substance abuse indicators, but who were ultimately allowed to remain unified. This project will have a goal of serving 250 children.

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

1. Provide safety Management Services to 250 children, impacted by opioid/general substance abuse-measured by the total number of children impacted by opioid/general substance abuse that receive Safety Management Services, tracked via FSFN. 2. Prevent 220 children from entering foster care as a result of a caregiver's opioid/general substance abuse-measured by the total number of children receiving Safety Management Services that do not enter the foster care system, tracked via FSFN. 3. To reduce the total costs associated with opioid/general substance abuse based child removals by \$5.86 million-measured by multiplying the total number of children receiving Safety Management Services that do not enter the foster care system by the average total cost of the services these children would have received if removal and entry into the foster care system did occur, tracked via FSFN and internal financial records.

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?

ChildNet is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's funds.



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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

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

14. 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

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.