



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1317

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Amigos Strengthens Families and Communities is a community-based, culturally and linguistically relevant program for parents/caregivers and children, birth to eleven years old, with the ultimate outcome of preventing the occurrence/recurrence of child abuse/neglect. The goals are to strengthen families and their children by providing relevant, effective education to support the healthy growth and development of the family. Children learn comparable skills at age-appropriate levels through focused educational group activities. These educational activities are designed to offer constant learning, promote child health, and positive family interactions and relationships. Through our program, parents and children learn ways in which their chances of success in life can improve, through communication, role playing, and life skills, leading to educated, gainfully employed, healthy families, saving the State of Florida hundreds of thousands of intervention costs.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Operations | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="350,000"/> |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/> |
| Total State Funds Requested | 350,000 |

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) | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="350000"/> | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> % |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/> | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> % |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/> | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> % |
| Local | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/> | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> % |
| Other | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/> | <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> % |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 | 350,000 | 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 | | |
| <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> | <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> |

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 | Salary @ 50% -50,000.00 FICA – 3,825.00 WORKERS COMP – 760.00 HEALTH INSURANCE – \$763.32 x 12 mths = \$9,159.84 x 50% = \$4,579.92 | 59,165 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Finance and Grants Manager Salary @50%- \$30,000.00 FICA - \$2295.00 WORKERS COMP - \$456.00 HEALTH INSURANCE – \$763.32 x 12 mths = \$9,159.84 x 50% = \$4,579.92 | 84,700 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Travel (Administrative) 24 miles/mth x 3 staff x 12 mths x .58 per mile = \$501.12 | 501 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Counselor 1 Salary @ 100% @ \$ 39,000.00 FICA-\$2,983.50 WORKERS COMP - \$592.80 HEALTH INSURANCE -\$763.32 x 12 mths = \$9,159.84 | 156,300 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Equipment 2 Dell Desktop Computers -\$750 x 2 = \$1,500.00 2 Cellphones - 300 x 2 = \$600.00 Travel | 49,334 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 350,000 |



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11. Program Performance

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

Amigos for Kids (AFK) seeks a direct grant to expand our parent education services. This AFK program was recognized by The Children's Trust as "Program of the Year". "Nurturing Parenting" is a proven model for the prevention of child abuse/neglect. The program curricula is the result of extensive research of high-risk parenting beliefs & behaviors. The AAPI – Adult-Adolescent Parenting Inventory, identifies five constructs that contribute to the maltreatment of children. These constructs form the curriculum. Parents & children learn new beliefs, knowledge & skills that improve their family functioning as skills/competencies are gained. Amigos uses a Group Based Model that is cost effective, includes parent to parent socialization, interactive learning, & allows both parents & children to meet in separate groups that run concurrently for twelve weeks. Positive family life leads to productive, employed citizens, saving taxpayers and the State of Florida many resources.

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

The goals are to strengthen families and their children by providing relevant, effective education and support for the healthy growth and development of the family. During the 12 week educational workshops parents and children learn ways in which their chances of success in life can improve, through communication, role playing, and life skills. Important core values of the program include empathy, parental self-care and alternative discipline methods resulting in successful parenting. Children learn comparable skills at age-appropriate levels through focused educational group activities. These activities are designed to offer experimental learning, promote child health, and positive family interactions and relationships. All of the educational activities are delivered by staff trained in our evidence-based program curriculum delivery. In addition, wrap around supportive services are offered by our family support workers for families in need of other community services.

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

Parent & Child Educational Classes - "Nurturing Parenting" - Continuum of Care Services/Linkages with community resources - Parental Engagement & Networking via "Parent Coffee Chats/Cafecito Entre Padres" - Other supportive, direct services via Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Prevention Month, Annual Back to School & "Wish List" Toy Drive.

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

AFK serves children and parents at risk of child abuse and neglect throughout Miami Dade County. The majority of the families we serve live below the federal poverty level; circumstances that can ignite the life stressors that lead to abuse & neglect and less fortunate children & families. With the State of Florida's support, we plan to add twelve new parenting program sites, thereby serving a total of 280 families (parents & children) that equates to @ 630 individuals served annually. With both local and state funding we will serve 1,078 individuals!

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

AFK primary focus is the prevention of child abuse/neglect. We accomplish this mission through our Family Strengthening Program. We focus on two major outcomes : 85% of children participating in the AFK program will decrease problem behavior or maintain appropriate behavior. 87% of parents participating in the AFK program will increase positive parent-child interactions. The program will be measured by pre and post surveys.

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?

AFK, met and exceeded its parenting program goals this past fiscal year. We plan on consistently meeting our funded goals each year. Rather than a penalty, perhaps the State of Fl. can offer coaching/mentoring around capacity building and high performance processes and procedures.



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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.**

Amigos for Kids is a private, not for profit, 501c3 corporation and is "owned" by the community of Miami Dade County. The stewards of the organization are the 20 members of the Board of Directors and the President & CEO. Amigos for Kids rents office space for its principal offices and partners with the City of Miami / Jose Marti Park to deliver After School Services there. In addition, AFK's partners with MDCPS and other NPO's to provide its "Nurturing Parenting" classes in local neighborhoods.

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.