



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1350

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The 4KIDS Foster Family Recruitment and Stability Project is dual-purposed. It is designed to: (1) Recruit new foster families and (2) Increase foster placement stability. Since 1997, 4KIDS has successfully recruited more than 1,400 foster families through strategic recruitment activities. These families provide safe and stable homes to children who have been removed from their biological families due to abuse, abandonment and neglect. To aid in their placement stability, 4KIDS provides families with wrap around support systems and research-based therapeutic services to support the child and family, ultimately leading to more stable placements.

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="800,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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="800000"/>	<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	800,000	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: 80%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="314A"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> 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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	To cover the cost of staff members responsible for foster parent recruitment, training and licensing, family support, and therapy program oversight and services.	800,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The 4KIDS Foster Parent Recruitment and Stability Project will support the recruitment and licensing of foster families, resulting in up to 75 new foster families and ultimately reducing the number of children in group care in circuits 15, 17 and 19. Additionally, this project will positively affect the stability of existing foster care placements resulting in a stability rate of 3.09 or less moves per 1,000 days in care (a 25% reduction in moves compared to the current State of Florida goal of 4.12 as of 1/30/19).

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

The 4KIDS Community Engagement Team will continue to build partnerships with local churches and research new opportunities to engage the church community to recruit foster families. The team will engage, educate, and encourage potential foster families through presentations on the need for foster parents and will also host information sessions on the foster parent training and licensing process. The outreach strategy includes connecting with church leaders to set up opportunities for presentations at church services, small groups, and all community reaching events. The 4KIDS Clinical Team will provide therapy services, therapeutic training, summer camp, and support groups.

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

The Foster Parent Recruitment and Stability Project will result in the provision of more quality foster homes for children who have suffered from abuse, abandonment, and neglect. Children will be safe and living in a healthy environment. Additionally, children and families who are a part of the foster and adoptive family unit and who are under- or uninsured will receive trauma-informed therapeutic care. We will provide therapy services, therapeutic training, an intensive summer camp, and support groups annually to such families. This will have a positive impact on the placement stability as foster families will feel more supported and able to handle the difficulties that come with caring for children from hard places.

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

The Foster Parent Recruitment and Stability Project will serve children between the ages of 0 - 17 entering and currently in foster care in circuits 15, 17 and 19. An estimated 90 children will be served by up to 75 new foster families created by the project annually. Children and families who are a part of the foster and adoptive family unit and who are under- or uninsured will receive trauma-informed therapeutic care. We will provide therapy services, therapeutic training for parents, an intensive summer camp, and support groups annually to such families.

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

This project will lead to the recruitment and licensing of up to 75 new foster parents in circuits 15, 17 and 19. The project will also benefit licensed foster and adoptive family units who are under- and uninsured by supporting them through therapeutic services, including child therapy and family therapy. 4KIDS expects that the placement stability rate of families receiving therapeutic care will improve as compared to the current State goal of 4.12 to no more than 3.09 moves per 1,000 days in care. 4KIDS' Extended Reach database will be used to record and measure our ability to achieve the intended outcomes. The financial benefit to the State of Florida can be enormous--research from the University of North Carolina's Jordan Institute for Families found that group placements cost 7 to 10 times the cost of placing a child with a family.

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?

A reduction in the amount of allocation based on the actual number of foster families recruited or licensed, or if the stability rate of 3.09 is not met.



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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.