



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1729

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

To improve outcomes of children 0-3 involved in Florida's Early Childhood Courts (ECC). Requested funding includes: 20 community coordinator positions; 1 statewide training specialist position to support the implementation and sustainability of ECC; and, training -- Each request is pivotal to the success of ECC's team-based approach.

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="2,113,570"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	2,113,570

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="2113570"/>	<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	2,113,570	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"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	1 Statewide Training Specialist (\$91,294) and 20 Community Coordinator positions (\$1,825,848) -- all classified as Court Operations Consultants)	2,013,570
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses for site visits and local and statewide training to each multidisciplinary team	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,113,570



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11. 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?

Each community coordinator will work with the judge or magistrate presiding over ECC, support the activities of the court, and facilitate coordination and collaboration among team members. The statewide training specialist will support the implementation of the program across all of the participating jurisdictions by providing training opportunities (in-person training events and virtual trainings - utilize state and national experts) and technical assistance activities (conference calls, site visits, and one-on-one coaching).

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

ECCs link citizens to a continuum of evidence-based services and interventions needed to improve outcomes for abused and neglected children. Many parents in the child welfare system were previously child victims themselves. (Young girl is sexually abused; uses drugs to numb the trauma; gets pregnant; cycle repeats with substance exposed baby). Healing mother's trauma history is necessary to provide the supportive relationships needed to protect their children and stop the multi-generational cycle of abuse. Many of our state's intractable problems (i.e., substance abuse and dependency, court involvement, child abuse, and mental illness) are the result of adverse childhood experiences.

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

Children 0-3 who have been removed from their homes due to maltreatment and involved in Florida's Child Welfare and Dependency Court Systems, as well as the professionals working to improve the processes.
As of January 2019, 13,175 children ages 0-3 came into Florida's out-of-home child welfare system.

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

Timely permanency and increased child well-being - Findings from the activities and direct services provided are reported to the Court/Team to inform decisions toward a timely, permanent, and stable family for the child. Compared to traditional dependency courts, ECC children achieve permanency and experience fewer instances of removal.

- 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?

There are performance measures currently in place and further detail can be provided at a later date.



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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.