



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1365

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Camp Boggy Creek is hosting a pilot focused on Children's Mental Health funded by a Universal Orlando Foundation competitive grant. We are requesting funding to scale up, adding 100 Children's Mental Health slots for children in our annual programming from 7/1/23 through 6/30/24. Camp has 26 years of experience improving the spirits and mental health of children with serious physical illnesses like cancer, heart disease, and sickle cell anemia, and many more by giving them a medically supported, traditional camp experience. At the core of the experience is children being with others who have been through the same traumas they have. The healing power of knowing you're not alone, talking to each other about what you've been through, and just being allowed to be a kid again are remarkable and supported by research. We would use state funding to expand to children in foster care, domestic violence shelters, and other adverse childhood experiences that can damage their mental health.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>350,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	78%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	22%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>450,000</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.

For 26 years, Camp Boggy Creek has run entirely on private donations. In lieu of state funding we would eventually incorporate the costs of this programming into our normal fundraising plans.



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

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

In March 2021 we received forgiveness for a 1st PPP loan of \$498,800. In August 2021 we received forgiveness for a 2nd PPP loan of \$411,790. Both were to keep our staff employed during the pandemic. We had to show proof that our payroll was the same before and after the pandemic. The second loan also required proof that our revenues dropped during the pandemic.

## 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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	Cost of paying a mental health professional to supervise the program and recruit additional mental health volunteers and interns to support the children during their camp and family retreat sessions. This represents \$50,000 of salary plus 28% for fringe benefits.	64,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	100 camperships at our established cost of \$2,500 per camper per session. This includes utilities, staffing, medical support, supplies, admin, etc. for a total of \$250,000. Trainings and training materials for all staff for \$10,000. Transportation support for 100 low-income campers for \$15,000. Statewide outreach and application support for \$11,000.	286,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

#### 14. Program Performance

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

We are in the midst of a national children's mental health challenge. Our primary goal is to intervene with children who are at risk of long-term negative outcomes as a result of their exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Research has documented that time spent in nature, exercise, play, artistic expression, time with mentors, and time with people with similar experiences are all therapeutic for people experiencing PTSD, anxiety, and depression. We intend to use the setting and activities of Camp to reduce these children's symptoms and create space for healing.

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

As an American Camping Association and SeriousFun Children's Network certified camp, Camp Boggy Creek is based in traditional camping activities. Those include swimming, archery, theater, music, nature, archery, boating, fishing, miniature golf, sports, and arts and crafts on our 232 acre property. This program will include cabin talks and intentional times for campers to connect around the adversity they've been through, and learning how adversity can become strength and resilience.

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

Campers and their families will be given technical support in the application process, transportation assistance as needed to travel from any location in Florida to our Eustis camp, and either 5-day, overnight Summer sessions for individual campers or 3-day overnight Family Retreat Weekend sessions for the camper and their household (as appropriate to their circumstances and diagnosis). We will also help families identify ongoing mental health services in their home communities to continue the work they begin at Camp.

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

We will be serving children ages 7 to 17 with a primary focus on low-income households. The children will either need to have a formal diagnosis of PTSD, depression, or anxiety or be in a circumstance that we would identify as indicative of a primary cause of those conditions so we may intervene before more formal care is needed. These children must be Florida residents. We expect to serve at least 100 children as well as parents, siblings, and other household members, especially for those invited to Family Retreat Weekends.

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

Expected outcomes:  
- >80% of campers will display an increased willingness to try new things, self-identification skills, self-confidence, perseverance, and increased ability to form friendships  
- >70% of campers will feel a greater quality of life, have a stronger sense of responsibility, understand emotional self-advocacy, and have an increased understanding related to emotional self-care  
- >66% of campers will have increased awareness of emotional regulation and self-regulation techniques, as well as medical, emotional, and physiological independence/resilience  
We will measure these outcomes using pre and post surveys designed and administered by a mental health professional.

##### 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?

Failing to meet our objectives would jeopardize any future funding first and foremost. If we serve fewer children than expected, we would return those camperships to the state at the rate of \$2,500 per camper.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number