



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Heart Gallery Child Finder

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bobby Powell

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/02/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Child Finder technology system supports advocates, agencies, and recruiters in matching foster children with families that are ready to adopt.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?  
Department of Children and Families

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,050,000		1,050,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,050,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.



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<b>FY:</b>	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b> (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
<b>Column:</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Funds Description:</b>	<b>Prior Year Recurring Funds *</b>	<b>Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *</b>	<b>Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)</b>
<b>Input Amounts:</b>			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

#### a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

1,050,000

### 11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose is to reduce the time it takes to match the hardest-to-place children in foster care with a family, increase adoption awareness, and manager and recruit families to adopt and foster children.

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

The technology will increase the effectiveness of recruitment of prospective adoptive families, assist with case management and the adoption of children from foster care with a matching compatibility component.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Program Director of each of the 14 Heart Gallery in Florida will be responsible for populating data to the program to increase awareness, provide support to case managers/advocates, access for approved prospective parents to increase adoptions, quality of	490,000



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	recruitment of parents and decrease the time a child will linger in foster care (\$35,000 each @ 14 Gallery locations).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology/Software (\$25,000 each @ 14 Gallery locations).	350,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Marketing/Webinar/Professional Services (\$15,000 each @ 14 Gallery locations).	210,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,050,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Direct services of the program are increases in the number of adoptions from foster care and decreases in the number of children waiting to be adopted. The program will also provide support to agencies and advocates that assist with the matching, case management and recruitment efforts.

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

The target population are foster children waiting for adoption that tend to linger in the child welfare system. There are 14 Heart Galleries across Florida, each serving the hardest-to-place foster children.

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

The expected benefits include improved retention of families wanting to adopt, improved matching of children in the foster care system, a decrease in wait time for adoption, lessening the cost to the state to house a child in a group home (approximate cost is \$67,000 annually).



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- g. 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?

Refund of monies.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. Organization: Executive Director, Heart Gallery of Broward County
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization: Heart Gallery of Florida
- b. County: Statewide
- c. Organization Type:
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. Contact Name: Yvette Dubose
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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