



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1793

1. **Project Title** Early Childhood Courts - Clinical Funding

2. **Senate Sponsor** Lauren Book

3. **Date of Request** 11/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

To improve outcomes of children ages 0-3 involved in Florida's Early Childhood Courts (ECC). Funding specifically goes toward clinical consultation for 22 licensed child-parent psychotherapists to integrate treatment across ECC court teams and judges and 1 statewide clinical director to ensure fidelity to the evidence-based model. The clinical component goes hand-in-hand with the Court-needs form and is imperative to the success found in ECC's team-based approach.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	1,800,000

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)	1800000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,800,000	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		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,800,000



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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 style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Clinical consultation for the licensed child-parent psychotherapists (Rate is based on six hours/month per child at \$64/hour = \$384 per child/month = \$4,608 per child/year x 350 children (at 22 sites). Also includes a contract with the FSU Center for Prevention and Early Intervention Policy for a Clinical Director to sustain the clinical component of the court teams (\$200,000).	1,800,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,800,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To improve outcomes of children ages 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.

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

Monthly hearings in front of a trauma-informed judge; monthly family meetings with the multidisciplinary team that are facilitated by a community coordinator to prioritize family needs and fast track integrated services; and meetings with a clinical specialist who provides intense child-parent therapy to heal trauma by building parenting capacity and optimizing child well-being.

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. Child-parent psychotherapists provide intense child parent therapy to heal trauma by building parenting capacity and optimizing child well-being. The statewide clinical director will provide consultation, training, and support to the ECC infant mental health clinicians.

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

Children ages 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, a total of 13,175 children ages 0-3 were in out-of-home care in Florida's 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.



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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.