



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1822

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Voices for Children (Voices) works to ensure that every abused, neglected, and abandoned child in Broward County has a court-appointed volunteer child advocate and that financial resources are available for each child's accompanying health, educational, and social needs. Voices Normalcy Program provides gap funding for children who have an open and active dependency court case to ensure that the child's most basic needs are met and that the child has age-appropriate opportunities to build upon strengths, nurture talents, and strategies to develop healthy relationships to break the cycle of abuse. This program provides the resources when other programs don't have the means to meet the needs for these children to not only survive but thrive.

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 type="text" value="100,000"/> |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | <input type="text" value="000"/> |
| Total State Funds Requested | <input type="text" value="100,000"/> |

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 type="text" value="100000"/> | <input type="text" value="25.0"/> % |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | <input type="text" value="00"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> % |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | <input type="text" value="00"/> | <input type="text" value="0"/> % |
| Local | <input type="text" value="14,050"/> | <input type="text" value="4"/> % |
| Other | <input type="text" value="285,950"/> | <input type="text" value="71"/> % |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 | <input type="text" value="400,000"/> | <input type="text" value="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 type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input 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 | | <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 | 50% of the funds will be used for program manager to provide quality of services to ensure each child we serve is having his or her needs met. Program manager oversees all program coordination, implementation, and quality assurance. | 50,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | 50% of the funds will be used for providing the gap funding for basic needs and opportunities for children to participate in activities. Examples include: diapers, clothing, car seats, sports, school field trips, school activities, and other enrichment activities. | 50,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | <input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/> |
| 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) | | 100,000 |



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11. Program Performance

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

Voices is requesting funds for our Normalcy Program to ensure that every child, in foster care, who has an open and active dependency court case, has his her or basic need met and that has social experiences they deserve. This program provides the resources and fills in the gap when other programs don't have the means to meet the needs for these children to not only survive but thrive.

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

The request includes funding for program costs associated with our Normalcy program and include providing the necessary "normalcy" resources for children in the foster care system. While there are over 2,000 children in the system, Voices is only able to serve about half of them. With the State of Florida's support, we will be able to serve an additional 500 children.

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

Voices serves children (0-17 ¾) who have an open and active dependency court case, in the foster care system. The program is available 24 hours, 7 days week and works directly with the dependency court judges, volunteer child advocate, and/or the child advocate to "staff" the case to determine the child's need. During the staffing it is determined if the CBC or another agency is better suited to meet the need and if not, because of lack of funding or if it's not appropriate, then Voices will work to fill that need providing the service directly to the child and/or caregiver.

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

The target population includes children ages 0-17 ¾ who have an open and active dependency court case, in the foster care system. More than 500 children are expected to be served.

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

At least 500 children will be provided with the necessary resources for his or her basic need and for resources for children have normalcy in their lives. The methodology will be tracking the number of children served with at least 85% reporting satisfaction.

- 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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures as provided for in the contract will result in financial penalties as described in the contract.



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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.