



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1819

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This is a request for additional recurring funding for the Child Protection Teams statewide. This will help to better address the increased complexity of serious child abuse cases including medical neglect, severe neglect, severe physical abuse, and sexual abuse. Child Protection Teams will be able to better provide evaluations and recommendations to meet the increased scope of effort mandated by the legislature in the last several years.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	24,700,000	0		

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.

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



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

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Approximately 75% of expenditures are for salaries and benefits	2,250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Approximately 25% of expenditures are for non-salary items	750,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

This will help to better address the increased complexity of serious child abuse cases including medical neglect, severe neglect, severe physical abuse, and sexual abuse. Child Protection Teams (CPT) will be able to better provide evaluations and recommendations to meet the increased scope of effort mandated by the legislature in the last several years.

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

This will enable the hiring of additional CPT personnel to better provide medical evaluations, forensic interviews, specialized interviews, psychosocial and psychological evaluations, and services that help children. This includes services that work along with community partners.

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

Children seen for allegations of child abuse receive forensic interviews when appropriate, medical evaluations as outpatients or inpatients, specialized interviews, and court testimony when needed. Recommendations help children and families.

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

All children seen by the 22 CPTs statewide. For example, in calendar year 2019, around 27,000 children were evaluated by the Child Protection Teams. The CPTs also reviewed over 210,000 reports from the Child Abuse Hotline. With increased resources, likely an increased number of children will be seen.

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



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The CPTs will be better able to devote time and resources to evaluation of children and provide recommendations to DCF and others.
The number of children seen and number of services provided help to measure these processes.

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?

DOH currently has real time performance standards and formal reviews for the CPTs - with remedies and financial penalties for failure to perform.

13. 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.

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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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) Department of Health

d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number