



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1113

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Implement Fostering Our Future - a faith-community-based collective impact approach in the prevention of child abuse - for recruitment, training, and support of all caregivers. For every caregiver we recruit and train, we deploy a professionally managed, high-fidelity volunteer wraparound system called a Community of Care. Biological, kinship, foster caregivers, supported by a Community of Care, are more likely to keep children with families and out of foster care and safe at home in their community. When foster is necessary, children are in a safe and stable foster or kinship care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	71%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	200,000	29%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>700,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	200,000	310A	No

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.

No other sources of funding can be used in lieu of state funding. However, Fostering Our Future at Grace Landing, Inc. has been funded through churches, foundations, corporations, and individuals in our local community and will receive \$200,000 from local communities equaling one-third of the total project for 2022. Fostering Our Future at Grace Landing, Inc. will continue to fund at scale one-third of its operating costs from local communities.



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

No

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries will be used to maintain 1 employee: administrative services and logistical specialist for the purpose of corporate communications, contract compliance, and process and project management	47,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Media; content management system; on-line community building; printing; marketing; and communication, bookkeeping, travel, office	55,800
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits: funds will be used to maintain employment of 3 employees - the area managing director, family consultant and permanency specialist	197,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to train and license new caregiver settings; recruit and certify Implementers; implement faith-community-based pre-service and inservice curriculum; recruit volunteers and foster parents from churches; recruit churches to register to use CarePortal software	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Three-member research team to: conduct literature review; data collection from caregivers, volunteers, and church leaders; adult learning (SME) to conduct research; adult curriculum designer; volunteer management; volunteer-driven; high fidelity caregiver support and family advocacy model	100,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Recruitment and training of local churches in three Florida Counties to respond to children and families at immediate risk of entering the Florida foster care system and build quality foster home capacity in an evidence-based manner. We will provide the following: 1) Basic goods and caregiver support to keep children safe at home with biological, kinship, or foster family; and 2) Pre-service training and certification for faith-community-based caregivers, church leaders, and family advocates.

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

Recruit, train, equip local churches to respond to children/families at imminent risk of entering the FL foster care system and build quality foster home capacity in an evidence-based manner. We will provide the following: 1) Basic goods and caregiver support to keep children safe at home with biological, kinship, or foster family, and 2) Pre-service training and certification.

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



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Goods and services directly to caregivers (e.g.; babysitting, respite care, transportation); invitations to regularly scheduled (formal) and unscheduled (informal) social-networking event; training, self-growth and improvement sessions.

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

The target population served by this project is economically disadvantaged persons and at-risk youth. 201-400 individuals 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?**

1) 80% of caregivers are working, caring for children, and attend required case goals - Certified volunteer working with/reporting to case managers that caregivers are attending work and making measurable progress to achieve case plan goals and longitudinal study of caregiver and children; 2) 80% of caregivers have access to relationally enhanced social-networks to develop personal social capital and seek job opportunities and financial security - Longitudinal study of caregiver and children; 3) 80% of caregivers have life-on-life personal/family advocate to help explore personal values/interest in education/job readiness/social-capital development and personal growth/family health outside of state dependency - Longitudinal study of caregiver and their children; 4) 80% of children with families at immediate risk of entering the Foster Care system in the faith-community-based caregiver support system will not enter the justice system - Longitudinal study of caregiver and their children.

**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?**

Renegotiate funding.

**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.**

N/A



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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)

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