



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2177

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

ConnectFamilies (CF) mission is to build equitable, inclusive, healthy communities where children and families thrive and succeed. CF is built on the premise that children do better when their families are strong, and parents do better when they live in places that help them succeed and become productive citizens. Funding will strengthen capacity & expand existing Care Coordination services to families & augment existing CF care coordination model to include trauma-informed care with a special focus in addressing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and seamlessly integrate as part of our work with over 75+ cross sector network of partners to raise awareness of ACEs and create a multi-sector approach to help build & strengthen buffers to prevent negative outcomes associated with ACEs.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	400,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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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No

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

In May 2020 we secured \$85,300.00 through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) administered by the US Small Business Administration (SBA). The PPP loan was 100% forgiven in October 2020 in accordance with SBA guidelines. Loan funds were used in accordance with the forgiveness guidelines set forth by SBA. Funds covered allowable costs such as staff salaries & health insurance, rent, utilities, and PPEs.

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	Clinical Program Director - Oversees all mental health services, works with community partners to leverage existing resources, and heads the internship program. Family Coaches - Administer mental health screenings, support therapeutic plans, and connect child/youth and their family to the appropriate provider community resources.	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Project staff training and project evaluation.	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goals are to mitigate the long term effect of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by identifying and addressing trauma early and provide early interventions and supports to children, youth and their families so that they may have the tools and learn strategies to cope with ACEs in order to thrive and succeed. At the same time we will enhance Behavioral Health workforce through supervised clinical internship opportunities for Mental Health Master's level students to build their knowledge, skills and abilities to address ACEs trauma and pursue a State of Florida Mental Health Counseling license.

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

Mental health screenings for adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to build and strengthen buffers to prevent negative outcomes associated with ACEs, particularly to improve the abilities of children and their families to address mental health and wellness in order to mitigate ACEs immediate and long-term effects. Coordination of wraparound services to support long-term effectiveness of therapeutic

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

Administer a minimum of 300 ACEs screenings of high-risk children and primary caregivers. Provide mental health and wraparound services to families with an ACEs score of 3 or more (meaning that they are at higher risk of negative long-term effects). Provide clinical supervision to Masters level Mental Health interns.



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

The target population includes families across Miami-Dade County with at least one child living at home, ages 0 to 18, or up to age 22 for special needs students with an IEP who are still in high school & working toward graduation at risk of child maltreatment including but not limited to abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or have been impacted by family or community violence, and alcohol or drug abuse.

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

Screening for ACEs will allow for prevention staff trained to increase knowledge of ACEs & effects on families & communities (ACEs post-test) as a way to prevent more costly services including but not limited to foster care, incarceration, hospitalization and other health related risks associated with ACEs, and job and housing insecurity. 90% of trained staff will demonstrate skills needed to administer ACEs screener & analyze results (post test) 80% of participants with an ACEs score of 2 or more linked to services to mitigate the impact (CC case plan) 80% of participants linked to services will report improvement in knowledge & skills to help address the long-term impact of ACEs (ACEs post-survey) 90% of interns will demonstrate increased knowledge, Skills and abilities to address ACES long-term effects (Clinical supervision observation/notes)

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?

Return unspent money to the State of Florida.

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