



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2380

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To establish a statewide parent leadership network of advisory councils in each jurisdiction across the state to strengthen, link and connect parents and caregivers in need of support who are at risk of child welfare system involvement with peer leaders with lived experience to promote growth and leadership opportunities through council involvement.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	99,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	399,000	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?

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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	State Project Coordinator (funded by outside grant)	0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computer, cell phone, and travel	4,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Additional administrative and consultant services provided by the Florida Coalition for Children.	36,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Four Regional Parent Coordinators	182,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, Meetings, Events, Annual Parent Leadership Conference/Summit, Cell phones, 4 computers	77,800
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)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

To establish a statewide parent leadership network of advisory councils in each jurisdiction across the state to strengthen, link and connect parents and caregivers in need of support who are at risk of child welfare system involvement with peer leaders with lived experience in child welfare to promote growth and leadership opportunities through council involvement.

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

To incubate and install parent leadership advisory councils with the intent to elevate and embed parent voice, leadership, presence, and expertise in each jurisdiction across the state. The FCC will spearhead, coordinate, support and implement the statewide parent leadership advisory councils during the early adoption phase of implementation with the intent of spinning the entities off as freestanding parent-run organizations in the future. The FCC will provide seed funding, training, and technical assistance to local communities to support the development and installation of councils. The FCC using alternative funds will recruit and hire a State Parent Leadership Coordinator who will support the development, growth, and sustainability of parent leadership councils and lead and mobilize the FCC statewide council. The FCC intends to recruit and hire four regional parent leadership coordinators who will support the development, growth, and sustainability of parent leadership councils.

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

Leadership development and training, access to and participation in local parent leadership advisory councils and related events, system navigation, community connections to informal resources and peer support.

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

The target population is individuals and parents with lived experience in child welfare. We expect to serve a minimum of 250 individuals.

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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Research shows access to services, voice in the process and ownership of the plan produces positive outcomes. Yet, parent engagement and inclusion in child welfare decision making is greatly lacking. The Families First Prevention Services Act and shift in child welfare funding and practice moving upstream to reach and serve families at home and in their communities requires a change in the traditional child welfare culture and environment. One that respects, values and includes parent voice to inform system professionals and policy makers of how best to serve families in need of support to prevent entry into care when viable alternatives exist. Bringing parents to the table to be trained and included in policy and practice will produce a more efficient and effective safety net, reduce costs and the number of families entering and reentering care and result in the establishment of a community based network that is informed and validated as effective by those with lived experience.

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?

Withhold reimbursement of State 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