



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2543

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request 

## 4. Project/Program Description

The 9th Circuit is requesting funding to operate a State-Sponsored Day Care Center for the benefit of our employees in order to increase our ability to retain more employees. The more non-monetary benefits we can provide our employees, the more likely we are to retain them and recruit other qualified employees.

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	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	280,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>380,000</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)	380,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Start-up furniture, equipment and supplies	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Cost to renovate existing space in the office for conversion into statutorily compliant State Sponsored Day Care Center.	280,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>380,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The inability to recruit and retain Assistant State Attorneys and Support Staff in the current overly competitive job market is of critical concern the 9th Circuit. In the last year alone, we have lost more than 46 prosecutors, and have not been able to recruit nearly that amount. 73% of those prosecutors have expressly stated that they have resigned for higher paying jobs and simply can't afford to live on a prosecutor's salary. Additionally, we also receive daily resignations by Support Staff who have been able to obtain higher paying jobs with less work and job stress. The 9th Circuit is requesting funding to operate a State-Sponsored Day Care Center for the benefit of our employees in order to increase our ability to retain more employees. The more non-monetary benefits we can provide our employees, the more likely we are to retain them and recruit other qualified employees.

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

Monthly infant care in Florida costs an average of \$770 (and can go as high as \$1.050 per month). Florida prosecutor salaries start at \$50,000, the fifth lowest prosecutor salary in the nation. The average salary for our support staff is \$36,041 (similar to the median wage in Florida in 2018 which was \$34,560). As such, a family earning two median incomes would spend 13.3% of gross income on infant care services for one child, and a single parent would spend 26%. See Child Care Costs by State 2020 - Procare Solutions (procaresoftware.com) If we could offer our employees an average savings of \$7,000 – 8,000 a year for child-care, which would also be conveniently located at their place of employment, we would be able to compete with local employers and retain our talented prosecutors and support staff long term.

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

Child care

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

Employees of the State Attorney's Office in Orange County, approximately 200

##### 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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To recruit and retain Assistant State Attorneys and Support Staff in the current overly-competitive job market. The number of employees who utilize this service will indicate the outcome of this project.

**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?**

No penalties are suggested

**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.**

Orange County owns the building that the State Attorney's Office operates in.



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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) government agency

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