



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2434

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Child Guidance Center (CGC) provides mental health services to children, adolescents, and families but cannot continue to operate under the low administrative percentage which is allowable under state and fee for service funding rules. CGC is requesting state funding for administrative positions for the organization to take the financial burden off our already fiscally strained contracts, especially our Medicaid funded programs which are not funded long-term by the State. We are attempting to grow a stronger donor base to assist us in an ever-growing population of lower SES and at-risk children in Duval County. CGC is re-applying to be a CCBHC as well as attempting to grow our own private donor pool through assistance via grants.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>300,000</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.**

No current funding has been identified however, we are applying again to become a CCBHC and these positions would be a part of that funding should it be awarded to us.

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



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2434

Yes

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

05/2020 PPP loan \$896,000  
 09/2020-12/2021 CARES Act \$175,000

Funding specifically covered salaries of CGC direct service staff working in fee-for-service programs where we were unable to provide the services.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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	Positions would begin as contracted or piloted as salaried. They would not be sustainable but would allow CGC to be in a better position to apply again for the CCBHC grant which would then cover these unfunded administrative positions.	300,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>300,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2434

Administrative duties not covered under contractual nor fee-for-service funding streams but which are necessary for the continuation of the mental health services both in maintaining the requirements of the specific funding streams as well as consistently making payroll of those direct service providers. Securing of additional monies so that all positions are not funded by the State long term. CGC is re-applying to be a CCBHC as well as attempting to grow our own private donor pool through assistance via grants.

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

Billing, report writing, contractual responsiveness, increased dollars coming in under private donors and grants. CGC provides mental health services to children, adolescents, and families but cannot continue to operate under the low administrative percentage which is allowable under state and fee for service funding rules. We are attempting to grow a stronger donor base to assist us in an ever-growing population of lower SES and at-risk children in the Duval County area. These positions will prepare us for a stronger CCBHC application and will be written into that application for the long term.

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

This funding would provide the necessary back office administrative support for our front line direct service providers for both fee for service and contract mental health services. This would ensure appropriate reports required for funding streams, yet not covered as allowable expenses, would be created, maintained and provided for funding to be released.

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

CGC serves over 4,000 children and their family members (>10,000 clients) on an annual basis. CGC provides mental health services to children, adolescents, and families. The ability to maintain contracts and funding streams is imperative to CGC remaining in the community (since 1951) to provide mental health services to an at-risk population not served by other organizations.

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

Administrative duties not covered under contractual nor fee-for-service funding streams but which are necessary for the continuation of the mental health services by maintaining the funding stream requirements of consistent reports necessary to draw down contracted money to secure direct service providers.

**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?**

Funding will be returned to the State if positions are not filled.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2434

- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**