



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1058

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The ADAM (Awesome Dads Awesome Men) Fatherhood Mentoring Program is a comprehensive, evidence-based initiative led by Community Based Connections, Inc. (CBCI), which, for 20 years, has been a nonprofit at the forefront of strengthening families in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The ADAM program (now in its 13th year) supports at-risk, court-involved, and low-income fathers with a clear goal: reconnect fathers with their children, restore family relationships, and achieve economic stability through employment and skill-building (thus strengthening families, ending multi-generational cycles of neglect). The ADAM program provides: evidence-based parenting education, promotion of marriage and family reunification, individualized case management, and, most critically, workforce training pathways that lead to industry-recognized certifications. If funded, this appropriation will allow CBCI to expand the ADAM program to serve an additional 300+ fathers in Broward and Palm Beach Counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	330,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	330,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	330,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,200,000	64%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,880,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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	Funds will cover administrative overhead and oversight of the project including accounting, audit costs, and insurance.	33,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will cover the salary and benefits for the Program Lead, two Case Managers, and Curriculum Instructor.	241,892
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will purchase curriculum materials and participant workbooks, classroom supplies, outreach and marketing materials, and technology needs, and transportation costs.	30,108
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consulting costs associated with monitoring performance measures, conducting quality assurance checks, and supporting reporting requirements.	25,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		330,000

13. Program Performance

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



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This appropriation, if funded, will be used to expand CBCI's ADAM Program to serve 300+ additional at-risk fathers in Broward and Palm Beach Counties. The specific program goals are strengthening father-child relationships, improving responsible parenting skills, and increasing family stability by reconnecting fathers with their children and equipping them with the tools needed to provide emotional and financial support. Through evidence-based parenting education, case management, workforce training pathways, and family-centered services, the program reduces the risk of child maltreatment, improves co-parenting dynamics, and promotes healthier, more stable households, ending multi-generation cycles of neglect and absence.

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

More than 44% of children in the region are born to unwed mothers, and in many communities, fathers are struggling with joblessness, court involvement, or a lack of support. State investment in the ADAM program strengthens traditional families through the promotion of marriage, reduced reliance on social services, supports reentry and workforce reintegration, and ensures fathers can meet their obligations, financial and emotional, to their children. This initiative aligns directly with the state's goals to expand workforce education, support family integrity, and reduce recidivism. The program's fiscal efficiency, community partnerships, and ability to deliver measurable outcomes make it a smart results-driven investment for the state.

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

The ADAM Program provides a continuum of evidence-based services including individualized case management, parenting and co-parenting education using the 24/7 Dad® and Nurturing Parenting Program curricula, family counseling, and facilitated support groups. Participants engage in structured workshops that promote responsible fatherhood, healthy communication, and emotional bonding with their children. Program staff also collaborate with community, court, and faith-based partners to ensure access, engagement, and retention of eligible fathers.

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

The target population for the ADAM Program is low-income, court-involved, and at-risk fathers in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, including those reentering society after incarceration, or mandated to complete parenting programs due to child welfare involvement. The project also serves community-based fathers seeking to strengthen their parenting and family relationships. In its 13 years of existence, the ADAM Program has served 1100+ fathers through direct services, and thousands more through community events and engagement. The program expansion funded by this request is expected to serve an additional 300+ fathers. CBCI and the ADAM Program are also supported by numerous community leaders and private foundations, including the Jim Moran Foundation, Florida Blue, and the Children's Services Council of Broward County.

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

The ADAM Program's ultimate goal is to strengthen traditional families, reduce generational cycles of neglect and absence, and promote safer, more connected communities. 80% of fathers participating will demonstrate improvement in child support payments, parenting engagement, and family stability; at least 200 will receive workforce certifications; and 150+ placed in employment. These outcomes are evaluated using a comprehensive methodology that includes assessments, detailed case management documentation, and participant progress tracking.

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 in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reasoning, will result in penalties as described in contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.