



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1300

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

4. Project/Program Description

Family Reconnection Program (FRP) strengthens families impacted by incarceration by facilitating consistent parent-child visitation, literacy-based engagement, and caregiver support. The program nurtures healthy communication and emotional resilience to reduce the trauma and stigma children experience when a parent is incarcerated. By restoring family connections, it promotes improved mental health, stronger family stability, and reduced recidivism.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	400,000	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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	Core program leadership, fiscal and operational oversight, compliance reporting, partnership coordination, and administrative infrastructure necessary to execute and monitor all activities effectively.	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Day to day management of program functions, stakeholder coordination, scheduling of visits, community partnerships, and documentation to ensure smooth implementation of all service components.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office rent and utilities, printing, communications, insurance, vehicle use for staff travel, technology maintenance, and program supply purchases for literacy and family engagement activities.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Provide technical assistance, curriculum facilitation (Parenting Inside Out), volunteer training, fiscal audit, and external evaluators to track measurable outcomes and success indicators.	20,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Provide technical assistance, curriculum facilitation (Parenting Inside Out), volunteer training, fiscal audit, and external evaluators to track measurable outcomes and success indicators.	115,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation services (bus rentals, insurance, fuel), visitation materials, books and recording supplies for the Storybook Program, event supplies for caregiver and child engagement, and program related travel.	85,000
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)		400,000

13. Program Performance



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

To strengthen families affected by incarceration by providing evidence-based parental education, literacy based communication between incarcerated parents and children, logistical visitation support, caregiver empowerment, and wrap around assistance throughout the year. The initiative mitigates child trauma, promotes stability, improves literacy outcomes, and decreases future recidivism.

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

Parenting education, child literacy recordings, caregiver resources, monthly visitations, and family empowerment events.

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

Visitation coordination for children with incarcerated parents
Literacy and emotional bonding activities
Caregiver navigation and resource connection
Family stabilization supports

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

FRP serves incarcerated parents within Florida correctional institutions and their children and caregivers across the Broward who are separated by incarceration and face financial and transportation barriers to maintaining contact. The program primarily targets economically disadvantaged families affected by parental incarceration, with priority given to those demonstrating high need for family stabilization and emotional support.

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

FRP is expected to strengthen family bonds, improve mental and emotional well-being among children and caregivers, and reduce recidivism by maintaining consistent parent child contact during incarceration. Outcomes will be measured through pre and post participation surveys, facilitator observations, and participant feedback assessing changes in stress, communication, and family connection. Data will be analyzed quarterly to track progress and reported as part of annual performance evaluations.

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?

Standard Penalties including return of funds

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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):

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

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ 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)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)



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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.