



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1888

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The "Central FL Responsible Fatherhood" initiative aims to empower fathers in building nurturing, responsible, and enduring relationships with their children. Through a series of workshops, mentorship programs, and community outreach, we equip dads with the tools to excel in positive parenting, financial literacy, and emotional well-being. Our curriculum emphasizes the vital role that fathers play in child development and family dynamics, stressing the importance of active engagement and open communication. By fostering a network of support among fathers, we work to create more stable and enriching home environments for children. Strong dads are the cornerstone of happy, successful families.

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	479,748
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	479,748

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)	479,748	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	479,748	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		
2024-25	0	350,000	318A	No

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	Executive Director salary, benefits, and retirement cover leadership and unique daily operational engagement in the Fatherhood Initiative, including mentoring, oversight of services, partner collaboration, and evaluation to ensure family and community impact.	53,399
Other Salary and Benefits	Funds cover contract compliance/subject matter expert and clerical support salaries, benefits, and retirement, providing daily admin and logistical support, managing records and correspondence, and assisting in developing and implementing program activities.	17,800
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This initiative will involve limited expenses such as travel costs for professional trainers and guest speakers, marketing expenses to promote the initiative, as well as event center costs for career fairs and informational sessions. There will also be expenses related to the development and maintenance of an interactive Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment website and other on-line platforms.	41,880
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Bookkeeping services provide accurate tracking of income, expenses, payroll, and financial records. Ensures compliance, supports budgeting, and delivers clear reports to help organizations make informed financial decisions.	6,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	F.A.C.T. Navigator Manager oversees daily operations of Fatherhood Navigators, managing job training, child welfare, economic projects, and court engagement. Requires leadership, organizational skills, and community outreach experience.	278,293
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for the Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment Initiative will include, computer processing units (CPU's), travel cost, event planning, office supplies, IT maintenance, insurance, rent, utilities, and costs associated with developing and implementing program activities.	48,376



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted service expenses for this initiative will include the execution of several independent contracts with not-for profits entities, which will be deliverable based. There will also be consultancy fees for services contracts for evaluation of services, IT, and training.	34,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		479,748

13. Program Performance

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

The Responsible Fatherhood program aims to enhance fathers' participation in their children's lives through workshops, mentorship, and support groups. The aims to decrease delinquency and lower the risk of children entering the criminal justice system & enhance education. Research has shown that children from single-parent households are more likely to be involved in the criminal justice system, as per "Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study" (FFCWS) by Princeton and Columbia University.

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

The specific activities and services to be provided with these funds include developing and implementing educational/vocational programs, Father 2 Father mentorship program, Trauma Informed Therapeutic Services, Home Environment Stabilization, Increased Father / Child engagement.

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

Fathers receive one-on-one and group mentoring, parenting skills, workforce guidance, and access to resources that directly improve family stability and children's outcomes. Financial Management, Employment Assistance, Health & Wellness, Social & Emotional Support services, to provide fathers with the support needed to be successful.

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

The targeted population is single parent families, young fathers, single parent fathers, nuclear families, economically disadvantage families & fathers, at-risk youth and young adults, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, military veterans and divorcees. The total # of individuals to be served is approximately 175.

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

Expected Multi-County Benefits and Outcomes:
1. Enhanced Child Support Compliance:
2. Improved regularity and amount of child support payments, positively impacting the Department of Revenue Child Support Collections.
Reduction in Driver License Suspensions:
1. Decreased instances of driver license suspensions due to improved compliance with child support payments and engagement with child support agencies.
2. Improved Family Relationships and Stability:
3. Strengthened bonds between fathers and their children leading to enhanced emotional well-being and development of the children.
Increased Economic Stability:

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?

Graduated prorated contract reduction amount based on factors directly related to provider deliverables performance.

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



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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
- ☐ 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**



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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 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.