



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1344

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The "Central Florida 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 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	728,310
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>728,310</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)	728,310	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>728,310</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.**

Private foundations and grants: Private foundations often have specific funds allocated to support community-based initiatives and can be a reliable source of funding for fatherhood programs. These foundations typically focus on areas like family support, child well-being, and community development.



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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.

## 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	The Project Director is responsible for developing and implementing a strategic plan, building and maintaining relationships with key partners and stakeholders, and monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the initiative, inclusive of salary and benefits..	62,306
Other Salary and Benefits	Asst. Manager & Clerical Support responsible for providing administrative & logistical support day-to-day management of the program, managing emails & correspondence, maintaining program records and documents, development & implementation of program activities, social media presence and website, data entry, filing, and answering phones, preparation of reports and other program materials.	79,263
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	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.	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		



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Salary and Benefits	Program Site Manager responsible for overseeing daily operations of Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. Duties include managing the job training programs collaborations, child welfare services, and economic development projects. Requires strong leadership, organizational skills, and a background in community outreach and social services or related field.	46,861
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for the Responsible Fatherhood Empowerment Initiative will include, computer expenses, travel, event planning, office supplies, IT maintenance, insurance, rent, utilities, and costs associated with developing and implementing program activities.	12,880
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Includes several independent contracts with not-for profit entities located in Lake, Orange, Seminole, Duval & Pinellas Counties which will be deliverable-based. There will also be consultancy fees for service contracts for evaluation of services, IT, and training.	442,000
<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>728,310</b>

#### 14. 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 Universities.

**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, Improved Student Grades, Behavior & Attendance & Increased Father / Child engagement.

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

Parenting Education, Co-Parenting Support, 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 target 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. 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?**

Children - Increased Economic Stability:  
 1. Enhanced employment and economic stability of fathers, benefiting families and contributing to the economic vitality of the counties.  
 2. Reduced Reliance on Public Assistance:  
 3. Increased self-sufficiency and decreased dependency on welfare and other public assistance programs as economic stability improves.  
 Methodology used to measure outcome: Surveys, interviews & data analysis.

**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?**



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Financial Deductions: Imposing fines or deductions in payment for every instance of non-compliance or failure to meet the agreed deliverables.  
 Contractual Remedies: Enforcing remedies stated in the contract like remedial actions or additional services at no extra cost to compensate for the failure in performance. Holding back or delaying payments until the agreed deliverables or performance measures are satisfactorily met. Initiating dispute resolution mechanisms like arbitration or mediation as specified in the contract to resolve issues related to non-compliance.

**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)

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**