



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1716

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Permanency Roundtable (PRT) Program serves children and youth in Miami's foster care system, 2-5 years. Many are free for adoption without a prospective adoptive parent. The program's primary goal is to ensure children exit foster care to a legally permanent family through adoption, permanent guardianship or reunification. If they do not achieve legal permanency, the program's secondary goal is to ensure they have a stable, supportive, parent-like adult in their life before exiting care.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 350,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 350,000 |

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) | 350,000 | 44% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 200,000 | 25% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 250,000 | 31% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 800,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| | | | | |

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Although the program is supported by comparatively small grants from several local private foundations, donations and a contract with the lead Community Based Care Agency, the agency reduced its contract due to an anticipated budget deficit and state funds are needed to augment the private dollars we raise. The program and its outcomes fulfil the responsibility of the state to children in Florida's foster care system.



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

Yes

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 |
|--|--|----------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Percentage of Executive Director Salary & Benefits | 35,000 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | Percentage of Program Director and Assistant Director | 45,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Office expenses, travel, supplies, required insurance | 5,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Auditing and accounting services, website/communications | 15,000 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Staff 100% allocated to the Permanency Roundtable Program | 225,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Office expenses, travel, supplies, required insurance, staff background screening, parking, conferences, IT, utilities | 25,000 |
| 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) | | 350,000 |

14. Program Performance

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



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

The PRT Program builds and convenes multi-disciplinary teams for each child served. PRT Specialists facilitate a structured 2-hour Initial PRT to develop a Permanency Action Plan and facilitate PRTs every 30-45 days to review progress, address barriers and update the plan. Between PRTs, staff complete assigned tasks; work with youth and caregivers; search for family; dig through case files; etc.

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

Although the PRT Program does not provide direct services to citizens in a traditional sense, adults who aged out of foster care at 18 are more likely than their peers to drop out of high school, be unemployed, become incarcerated or homeless, and abuse drugs or alcohol. Studies have shown that every child who ages out of foster care costs society approximately \$300,000 across their lifetime. With about 1000 youth aging out of Florida's foster care system annually, this roughly translates to \$300,000,000 in "social costs" every year in Florida alone. The single most effective way to mitigate these devastating outcomes is to ensure that every child has a forever family or, at the very least, a lifelong connection to a parent-like, supportive adult. Permanency roundtables connect children and youth to a family and lifelong, unconditional adult support.

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

Annually, the PRT Program typically serves 120-160 children ages 10 through 17 who have been languishing in Miami's foster care system for 2 to 5 years without a prospective permanent family.

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

Improve life outcomes for children and youth who experienced foster care by connecting them to a permanent family and lifelong, adult support. FFCR tracks the number of youth served by the PRT Program who exit the program with the care and support of a legally permanent family or committed parent-like adult (legal or relational permanency) compared to those who exit the program without permanency.

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?

Unless force majeure or Florida Foster Care Review meets its annualized minimum requirement for a specific deliverable, 1% reduction of the monthly payment shall be applied for each monthly deliverable not met.

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



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- 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