

**The Florida House of Representatives**  
**Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23**  
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Transportation / Mentor Program for Children in Foster Care - West Central Florida
2. Date of Submission: 11/04/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Chris Latvala

**4. Details of Amount Requested:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

| FY:                | Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project<br>for FY 2021-22<br><i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i> |                               |                          | Develop New Funds Request<br>for FY 2022-23<br><i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i> |  |   |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|---|
| Column:            | A   | B                             | C                        | D   | E                                      | F   |
| Funds Description: | Prior Year Recurring Funds  | Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds | Total Funds Appropriated | Recurring Base Budget   | <b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b> | <b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b> |
| Input Amounts:     |   |                               |                          |   | 250,000                                | 250,000   |

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

| Type of Funding   | Amount  | Percent of Total | Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing? |
|---|---------|------------------|---|
| 1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request | 250,000 | 90.9%            | N/A   |
| 2. Federal  | 0       | 0.0%             | No  |
| 3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)          | 0       | 0.0%             | No  |
| 4. Local  | 0       | 0.0%             | No  |

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| 5. Other     | 25,000         | 9.1%        | Yes |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>275,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |     |

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Children and Families

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

We will work with the Department of Children and Families (DCF) during the year to ensure the current funding meets the required goals of the contract and brings value back to Floridians. Funding could be reduced or withheld as a penalty in the event the deliverables or performance measures are not met.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Brian Strawser

b. Organization: Florida 1.27

c. Email: brian.strawser@florida127.org

d. Phone #: (813)563-5127

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

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9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: Chip Case

b. Firm: Jefferson Monroe Consulting LLC

c. Email: chip@jeffersonmonroe.com

d. Phone #: (850)544-2222

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

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- a. Name: Florida 1.27  
 b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Hillsborough  
 c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

Increase the number of children in foster care who successfully attend multiple activities which include, but are not limited to: court-ordered visitation sessions with family members, doctor appointments, therapies, extracurricular activities, and more. Reduce the amounts of transportation services normally performed by child welfare workers. Increase opportunities for children in foster care to develop stable and committed relationship with supportive adults.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

| Spending Category  | Description   | Amount Requested<br>(Should equal 4d, Col. E)<br>Enter "0" if request is zero for the category |
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| Administrative Costs:  |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Project Head Salary and Benefits - 30% program allocation | 27,000   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits                                      |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other             | Local Travel Expenses                                     | 5,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                          |   |  |

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| Operational Costs:  |  |                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits                    | Project Coordinators (2) Salary and Benefits<br>Administrative Assistant (1) Salary and Benefits                         | 135,000        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Local travel expenses, outreach materials, and insurance costs   | 21,000         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study    | Training curriculum development and video production, Volunteer background screening services, & Technology development. | 62,000         |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:                                    |  |                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering   |  |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>250,000</b> |

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

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16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Support from DCF and both DCF contracted CBC Lead Agencies for the listed counties.

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

No

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Conduct a recruitment campaign within our existing network of local churches and throughout the general community to secure volunteers to meet the transportation / mentor needs of children in foster care. Background screening and clearances will be conducted on each volunteer. We will provide training to every volunteer and will provide ongoing coaching support to each volunteer.

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Conduct a recruitment campaign within our existing network of local churches and throughout the general community to secure volunteers to meet the transportation / mentor needs of children in foster care. Background screening and clearances will be conducted on each volunteer. We will provide training to every volunteer and will provide ongoing coaching support to each volunteer.

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled

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- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

| Benefit or Outcome   | Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome | Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health                             |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health                               |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience                          |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education |  |   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality                                     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)                                    |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality   |  |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Improve outcomes of children in the foster Out-of-Home Care system. | 1) Reduce the amounts of transportation services normally performed by child welfare workers. 2) Increased | Outcomes will be measure by the number of volunteers engaged, the number of children served, the number of healthy |

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|  | opportunities for children to develop stable and a committed relationship with supportive adults | relationships developed between the children and volunteers, and the reduction of work tasks realized by the child welfare employees. |
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