

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Heart Gallery of Florida - Child Finder
2. Date of Submission: 11/13/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Patricia Williams
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- 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 for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <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 <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					1,050,000	1,050,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Children and Families
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.
All participating advocacy parties will continue to experience hardship finding suitable families for children in the foster care system

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Yvette DuBose, Matthew Straeb
- b. Organization: Heart Gallery of Florida
- c. Email: yvette@heartgalleryofbroward.org, mstraeb@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (954)918-3008

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

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8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Yolanda C. Jackson
- b. Firm: Becker
- c. Email: yjackson@beckerlawyers.com
- d. Phone #: (305)431-2976

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Heart Gallery of Florida
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Broward
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

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

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

The Child Finder will [via the technology] recruit, train and match prospective foster and adoptive parents to children waiting to be adopted from foster care. This program has been debuted in Central Florida for the last 18 months and increased families to adopt and decreased the wait time and provided a cost savings to the state by creating more forever families. Our goal is to launch statewide in partnership with the community of care.

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director in all 14 Heart Galleries across the State at \$35,000 each	490,000
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology Feature for Program Function at \$25,000 at all 14 Heart Galleries statewide	350,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Marketing/Webinar for each of the 14 Heart Galleries in Florida at \$15,000 each	210,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		

<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,050,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- 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)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

Yes

14a. Will this information technology project be managed within a state agency to support state agency program goals?

Yes

14b. What is the total cost (all years) to design and build the project?

1,050,000

14c. What are the ongoing (annual recurring) maintenance and operation costs once the project is completed?

1,050,000

14d. Can the state agency fund the ongoing annual recurring costs within its current operating budget?

Yes

14e. What are the specific business objectives or needs the IT project is intended to address?

The shortage of recruited, trained, background-checked and/or licensed foster parents to address the overwhelming need in the State of Florida due to existing crises, including the opioid crisis.

14f. Based upon the identified business objectives or needs, what are the success factors that must be realized in order for the state agency to consider the proposed IT project a success?

Maximizing the recruitment of qualified prospective parents to adopt/foster, and decreasing the wait time for homestudies and adoption.

15. 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

15a. Please Describe:

Maximizing the recruitment of qualified prospective parents to adopt/foster, and decreasing the wait time for homestudies and adoption.

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

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Partnership for Strong Families and CBC Central Florida

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

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The Child Finder Tracker is promoted within the advocate community to recruit, track, and match families waiting for foster care, lessening the burden on the State to house children in group homes and/or general care.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The direct services will be building families and improving tracking ,which is currently done manually. This service will allow the provider, the prospective parent, and approved advocates access to the matching and tracking system.

17c. 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
- 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)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

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

18. 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Young children that enter into foster care due to abuse are known to have emotional development issues, Per Pediatric Journal Study (citing American Pediatrics Study, 2003)	When a child is adopted from foster care it improves their outlook on life (citing American Pediatrics Study, 2003)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Children adopted from foster care experience a higher rate of cultural enrichment than those that remain in care	ACF outcomes study; Administration for Children & Families Children Bureau's - Child Welfare Outcomes Report, 1997

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	After adoption from foster care, outcomes of improved sufficiency are increased	Adopt US Kids Advocacy Group
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Adopting in many cases breaks the cycle of the child becoming a part of the system (juvenile justice), providing permanency and love	National Council for Adoption
<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): Create Stronger Communities	Strong families create strong communities	Outcomes measured by study of children in care and parents not contributing to society - Children's Bureau

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 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:	1,050,000	75.0%	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
5. Other:	350,000	25.0%	Yes
TOTAL	1,400,000	100%	

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

No