

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Adoption 2 Action
2. Date of Submission: 02/07/2017
3. House Member Sponsor: Don Hahnfeldt  
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*
- 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 (Note that column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2016-17 <i>(If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)</i>		
	Column:	A	B	C	D	E
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>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Request</b> <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)</i>
Input Amounts:					350,000	350,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? Yes
  - 5a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Children and Families
  - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Melissa Merritt
- b. Organization: Adoption2Action
- c. Email: Adoption2Action@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (352)254-0523

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project (Please retype if same as Requester):

- a. Name: Melissa Merritt
- b. Organization: Adoption2Action
- c. Email: Adoption2Action@gmail.com
- d. Phone #: (352)254-0523

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

- a. Name: Melissa Ann Merritt
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter

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 goal of this funding is to increase post adoptive services and awareness of post adoptive issues for families that have adopted through the Florida Foster Care System

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

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. F) Enter ?0? if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director and Administrative Assistant	135,000
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers and Printers, Secure Computer Systems, Telephones, Stamps, Paper, Office Supplies	21,425
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for 2 staff members-including payroll liabilities, health insurance allowance and employer 403B contribution	117,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers and printers, secure computer system, telephones, stamps, paper and office supplies	41,425
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Conferences, Conventions, meetings, staff development, internal and	35,150

	external training	
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		350,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

N/A

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

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:

Renea Teaster, Facilitator for Community Alliance of Citrus County

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

No

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

Yes

17a. Describe the target population to be served. 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
- Other (Please describe)

17b. 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 all that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Ensure that those who have been adopted get access to the right psychiatrists and have the diagnoses	Work with adoption competent case managers, doctors and staff
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Make sure all adoptive children with behavioral/mental health concerns	Work with adoption competent case

	are aware of the benefits that are aware to them and how to access those benefits	managers, doctors and staff
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Work with parents, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Dept of children and families to ensure that all children who have been adopted from Florida's foster care system have access to services that are available	Work with adoption competent case workers, doctors and staff
<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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	350,000	100.0%	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:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	350,000	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2017-18 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years

- 3 years
- 4 years
- >= 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select ?ongoing activity?.

Ongoing activity ? no total cost

- <1M
- 1-2M
- >2-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M