

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Forever Family Florida Expansion

2. Date of Submission: 01/30/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Bobby DuBose

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4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- 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
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring Request <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:					465,000	465,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? 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? 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. Department of Children and Families

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Gia Tutalo-Mote
- b. Organization: Forever Family
- c. Email: gia@foreverfamily.org
- d. Phone #: (954)303-5802

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

- a. Name: Gia Tutalo-Mote
- b. Organization: Forever Family
- c. Email: gia@foreverfamily.org
- d. Phone #: (954)303-5802

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

- a. Name: Alain Jean
- b. Firm: The August Company
- c. Email: aj@theaugustcompanyllc.com
- d. Phone #: (954)770-3360

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

- a. Name: Forever Family
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Statewide
- 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?

Forever Family is in the unique position to leverage up to \$15,000,000 in free broadcast television airtime, reaching viewers across the state with a positive message about foster children and motivating them to action. This will dramatically increase the number of adoptive families, foster families and volunteers. In addition, the program will leverage monetary assistance for youth aging out of foster care and families adopting medically needy children.

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	Project Head, Office Manager	105,000
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office Rent, Utilities, Supplies, Professional Fees	30,000
<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	Travel to shoots/lodging/production expenses related to children/computers/hard drives	50,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Executive Producer, Community Outreach/Liaison, Production Manager, Editors, Photojournalists	280,000

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		465,000

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:

Letters of Support are available from the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, Community Based Care Agencies, Florida's Guardian Ad Litem Program, Children's Home Society, Mental Health Associations, Foster Parent Associations, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention, Health and Human Services, Congressional Foster Care Coalition, Congressional Members, and dozens of child serving agencies across the state.

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:

The need for permanency awareness efforts and Forever Family were included in the following studies: Florida Child Abuse Prevention and Permanency Plan (Forever Family is referenced in four different areas), Governor's Blue Ribbon Panel on Child Protection, Florida Office of Adoption's Explore Adoption Initiative.

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	Increasing the number of loving adoptive parents, foster parents, advocates and volunteers will have a direct affect on the health of children in care by increasing access to	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers

	quality healthcare.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Increasing the number of loving adoptive parents, foster parents, advocates and volunteers will have a direct affect on the health of children in care by increasing child?s access to quality	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience	Children who participate in Forever Family television segments are provided once in a life time opportunities, such as meeting celebrities, sports stars, attending concerts, provided art lessons, educational opportunities etc.	# and types of television shoots # of funds provided for scholarships, classes, etc
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Educational outcomes for children in foster care are abismal. By increasing the number of adoptive parents, quality foster parents, and advocates, outcomes for these children increase dramatically.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	Children who leave foster care with out a family are three times more likely to become incarcerated than their peers. Forever Family increases the likelihood that these youth will be better prepared to contribute productively to	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	40% of children who leave foster care without a family will be unemployed. Forever Family increases the likelihood that these youth will be better prepared to contribute productively to society. Thus, saving future dollars for criminal justice, mental health and other social welfare programs.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	40% of children who leave foster care without a family will be unemployed. Forever Family increases the likelihood that these youth will be better prepared to contribute productively to society. Thus, saving future dollars for criminal justice, mental health and other social welfare programs.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	Children who leave foster care without a family are three times more likely to become incarcerated than their peers. Forever Family increases the likelihood that these youth will be better prepared to contribute productively to society. Thus, saving future dollars for criminal justice, mental health and other social welfare programs.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse	Without a loving family to rely on, up to 50% of children in care and those who age out of foster care will use illegal drugs to cope.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Children who leave foster care with out a family are three times more likely to become incarcerated than their peers. Forever Family increases the likelihood that these youth will be better prepared to contribute productively to society. Thus, saving future dollars for criminal justice, mental health and other social welfare programs.	# of adoptions # of foster parents # of volunteers
<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:	465,000	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	465,000	100%	

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

No