

Partnership for Strong Families Proposal

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ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

Addendum #1
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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)*

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Do not include dashes

Maximum response length: 9 characters

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2. Provide physical address in Alachua County*

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5950 NW 1st Place, Suite 300, Gainesville, FL 32607

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3. Provide a mailing address*

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4. Does your agency have a 501(c)(3) status?*

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If yes, provide your certification in the question below, Failure to provide required documentation may deem your proposal non-responsive.

Yes

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5. Upload your agency's IRS 501(c)(3) designation*

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6. Responsible Agent Designation*

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The Consultant shall designate a responsible agent and alternate as necessary, for all dealings, communications, or notices or contracts between the County and the Consultant by completing and returning this Responsible Agent Form. Any notice or communication to or from the responsible agent shall be deemed to be a communication to the Consultant.

RESPONSIBLE AGENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE AGENT: _____

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7. Project Name:*

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Filling the Gap on the Go

8. Amount of funds being requested*

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Maximum of \$50,000

Maximum response length: 7 characters

\$50,000

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9. Does your proposed project benefit residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level?*

Yes

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10. Does your proposed project fit into one of the BoCC's approved funding category?*

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Reliable Transportation

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11. Has your agency been operational, providing proposed program service(s) in the funding category at least one full year prior to the date of application?*

Yes

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12. Please describe the proposed project, and quantify the anticipated benefits to residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level:*

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Established in 2003, Partnership for Strong Families (PSF), under contract with the Florida Department of Children and Families, is the lead community-based case agency for 13 counties, including Alachua County. PSF provides comprehensive child welfare services to children who are victims of abuse and neglect, also working with at-risk families to prevent child abuse and decrease the risk of children entering the out-of-home care system. The requested \$50,000 will support our "Filling the Gap on the Go" project by fulfilling the purchase of a gently used vehicle, registration, insurance, and routine maintenance of said vehicle. The purchased vehicle will support regular transportation needs for two departments: Case Management for children in out-of-home care and our Community Resource Navigator (CRN). DCF's Child Welfare Annual Performance Report states "children living in poverty are vulnerable to environment, education, health, and safety risks. Compared with their peers, children living in poverty are more likely to have cognitive, behavioral, and socioemotional difficulties. When comparing communities on various child welfare indicators, poverty is an important factor to consider, including its relationship to reporting rates and implications for service needs." Although Florida's poverty rate has dropped since 2017, Circuits 3 and 8 (served by PSF) have one of the highest percentages of childhood poverty at an estimated 23%. Children in foster care who are served by our Case Management Team almost all lie below the federal poverty level. Our CRN Program provides support services to Alachua County residents living within communities that have limited access to resources, with a focus on families experiencing poverty and other risk factors. Through a collaborative effort, including but not limited to Partnership for Strong Families, the Children's Trust of Alachua County, and the Alachua County Library District, the CRN currently serves three rural, Alachua County cities (Alachua, High Springs, and Micanopy), with plans to expand, if resources adequate. The CRN meets in-person with patrons to help meet their immediate needs, identify additional needs, and connect them with community resources designed to increase caregiver protective factors and improve self-sufficiency. The CRN Program rolled out in January 2023, and we anticipate more than 300 patron contacts and an excess of 400 services/supports will be provided to those with a need, annually.

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13. Please describe how your project will enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of your agency's service delivery:*

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At PSF, our mission is to enhance the community's ability to protect and nurture children by building, maintaining, and constantly improving a network of family support services. The vehicle purchased as part of the Filling the Gap on the Go project will support this mission by providing both Case Management staff and our CRN with reliable transportation necessary to meet the needs of those they serve.

With more than 900 children in foster care, our Case Management Team is frequently tasked with providing transportation to children in care for necessary appointments, supervised visitation with their biological families, and even school or extracurricular activities. This transportation gap exists, because the foster families children are place with are often outside of their home counties. However, research and evidence show that children who have been displaced in out-of-home care are more likely to thrive when they are able to maintain their established routine, including attending schools and extracurricular activities they are used to, as well as follow their established treatment plans with doctors, therapists, counselors, and other professionals. This can cause unexpected increases in the amount of travel on caregivers, and our Case Management Team is there to support and alleviate this additional travel burden. Purchasing a used vehicle for this project will enhance the level of support our Case Management Team is able to provide the children and families served, offer stabilization during an emotional and traumatic time, and reinforce the importance of the goal for reunification through continued relationship building and bonding.

The CRN Program is an expansion of our nationally recognized Family Resource Center Model. Through the CRN Program residents of Alachua County, not currently served by our three Gainesville Resource Centers (Library Partnership, SWAG Family Resource Center, and Cone Park Library Resource Center), are provided with place-based family support services, within their own communities. In the rural communities currently being served, transportation has been identified as a significant barrier to accessing resources. As such, the use of a van will allow the CRN to travel between these remote locations, bringing program supplies, resources, and concrete supports (e.g., food, clothing, hygiene products) to those with a need, removing some of the barriers to program accessibility and building community trust.

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14. List all the budget items for which grant funds will be used and the dollar amount anticipated for each:*

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If your budget has more than five line items, you have the option to download and fill the SPACE Budget Template provided, and upload in the next question.

Maximum response length: 2500 characters

Funds received from the SPACE grant will be utilized to purchase a used vehicle in good condition, with less than 15,000 miles. The vehicle will be a 2020 (or later model) minivan or SUV with a third row. The vehicle will not exceed a cost \$45,000 to allow remaining \$5,000 in grant funds to cover cost of registration, insurance, gas, and routine maintenance and upkeep for one year.

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15. Upload SPACE Budget Template

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 SPACE Budget Filling the Gap on the Go.xlsx

16. Describe the timeline and anticipated milestone dates for the project:*

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When grant funds are awarded in August, used vehicle will be purchased, as well as registration and insurance for the vehicle. Upon purchase of vehicle, it will begin to be utilized to provide transportation support to our Case Management Team and Community Resource Navigator. The Community Resource Navigator will utilize the vehicle to visit each site once per week, as well as provide quarterly community events ranging from family movies to financial literacy workshops. The Case Management Teams will utilize the vehicle to meet regular transportation needs for our children in out-of-home care.

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17. Describe measurable outcomes for the project:*

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Project outcomes will be measured by evaluating the number of case management transportation needs that are supported each month. These transportation needs include supervised visitations for children and families, emergency doctor necessary medical, therapeutic, and mental health appointments, and even to and from school and extracurricular activities. Measured outcomes for our Community Resource Navigator Program will include number of site visits per week, quarterly community events provided in outlying Alachua County cities, number of patrons and community members served, and number of supports and services implemented.

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18. Upload any supplemental documentation that is relevant to your project.

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19. Acknowledge that you have reviewed all Addendum(s) issued with this solicitation.*

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20. Conflict of Interest*

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The bidder certifies that to the best of his knowledge or belief, no elected/appointed official or employee of the County is financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of the goods or services specified on this order. (Select yes, if there is no conflict of interest)

Confirmed

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21. Drug Free Workplace*

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In accordance with §287.087, Florida Statute

Do you certify that you meet the following:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893 or of any controlled substance law of the United States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.
5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.
6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Yes

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22. Corporate Resolution Granting Signature*

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The response must be submitted by an officer of the business who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the bidder. An authorized representative who is not an officer may sign the proposal, but must attach or upon request provide a corporate resolution granting authorization to the representative to execute on behalf of the business. Are you authorized to submit this RFA?

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23. By submitting this application, we acknowledge that we are aware that the information contained in this funding application is public record. We further certify that this Request for Funding is consistent with our organization's mission, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and that this application for funding was authorized by the agency's Board of Directors.*

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