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Which Children's Trust Goal or Strategy does your program address? 1. Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships. 2. Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful. 3. Children and youth live in a safe community. Children and youth are healthy and have nurturing caregivers and relationships.

Are you a current Children's Trust provider? Yes or No Yes

If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust? 2023

Name of the program you received funding for previously. Tina Lloyd

Have you applied for Emergent Needs Funds before? Yes or No No

If you answered yes above please enter date. Fri, 05/05/2023

Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub? Yes or No Yes

Are you qualified to conduct business in the State of Florida? Yes or No Please attach your Sunbiz. Yes

Describe your program including how your services impact the lives of the Children of Alachua County.

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs, Inc. (ACORN CLINIC) was established in 1974. Our non-

profit dental clinic is located in Brooker, FL. We served over 2200 patients in 2024 from 27 counties in

Florida. 4th year GPR dental students from the University of Florida and Hygiene students from Santa Fe

College come out to ACORN on rotation to provide care to our patients with our Dentist oversight. We are

solely funded through donations, sponsorships, grants, fundraisers, and acceptance of Medicaid and

sliding fee scale. We are NOT federally funded due to verbiage change in legislation that excluded NON

PROFITS & Free Clinics. Our clinic has seen a decline in grant opportunities as well. Our program served

237 children from Alachua County for dental needs in 2024.

ACORN dental clinic plays a vital role in improving the health and well-being of children in Alachua

County by providing essential dental services regardless of their family's ability to pay. Through

preventive care, education, and treatment, our clinic helps reduce dental pain, prevent long-term health

issues, and promotes healthy habits. By ensuring access to quality oral healthcare, we empower children to focus on learning, growing, and thriving in a healthier future.

Please Specify your need in as much detail as possible. Include the dollar amount of your request.

Explain how your request is an emergent need.

In first quarter 2025, ACORN incurred several unexpected expenses due to equipment malfunction or breakdown. Costs included:

Purchase of a DEXIS XRAY Sensor to replace broken one \$6671.37 This sensor produces digital xrays and needed to be replaced.

Purchase of Statim \$2614.32 to replace broken one. The statim is considered an emergent need in our dental office, because it allows for rapid sterilization of dental instruments, which is critical for maintaining a safe and efficient clinical environment.

Repair of Statim \$2498.11 in 2nd building to ensure both offices serving patients were able to continue to provide services.

2 AC Unit repairs on different days totaling \$2427 The clinic was without AC for several days, we remained open serving patients. We used fans throughout the clinic.

What dollar amount are you requesting? 14210.80

What steps have you taken to resolve the need on your own?

All items were paid in full. This did have a significant impact on our clinic financially. We were unaware of this emergent fund Children's Trust has available. We would be forever grateful if this were to assist our clinic.

How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?

The emergent need to repair two AC units and purchase essential dental equipment has significantly impacted service delivery at ACORN. Without fully functioning air conditioning, the clinic environment became uncomfortable and, at times, unsuitable for both patients and staff-especially during procedures requiring sterile conditions and extended chair time. The lack of operating dental equipment limited the clinic's ability to perform necessary treatments efficiently and safely. These issues led to delays in care, longer wait times, and reduced appointments.

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Please provide your organization's most recent audited Financial Statements if applicable.

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Please provide your organization's most recent financial statement to your Board of Directors.

[finance_report_february_2025_1_1.xlsx](#)

Please provide your annual report if applicable. [sunbiz_2025.pdf](#)

Please provide your organization's current budget. [2025_budget_updated_12102024.pdf](#)

Please upload your Sunbiz. [sunbiz_2025.pdf](#)

Name of the submitter Tina Lloyd

Signature Tina Lloyd

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<https://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/node/6377/submission/1149>

