



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Safe Haven for Homeless Youth

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/01/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Safe Haven program serves homeless youth ages 18-24 who have been thrown out of their homes, or are running away from an abusive environment. Many of these young people are at a high risk of being recruited into commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The Safe Haven program provides transitional housing and supportive services to “throwaway” and runaway young people, until they can be placed in an independent living setting. It is expected that at least 50 youth will be provided safe housing for approximately one to three months. All participants will have access to behavioral health, primary care, and other supportive services depending on their individual needs. At least 70% will be transitioned to stable, long-term placements. In the last contract year, 57 young people were served. In the current contract year, 26 clients have been served so far with 14 currently actively engaged in the program.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Children and Families

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
140,800		140,800

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 140,800



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9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 4
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		140,800	140,800

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$140,800

11. Program Performance:

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

The Safe Haven program serves homeless youth ages 18-24 who have been thrown out of their homes, or are running away from an abusive environment. Many of these young people are at a high risk of being recruited into commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

- b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

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c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Costs (including accounting, human resources, insurance)	7,600
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Case Manager salary + 20% fringe benefits	45,600
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Direct client assistance (incidental expenses, including: food, clothing, bus passes, books and furniture); Room and Board and/or Rental Assistance (Transitional Housing/Living Costs including motels, apartment deposits and initial rent, group home fees, and utilities); Staff Mileage and Phone Allowance for Case Manager.	87,600
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		140,800



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d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Clients receive transitional housing with a focus on preparation for permanent housing, transportation support, counseling and case management, linkage to health and dental services and HIV/STD testing, referrals to GED preparation and testing and other educational resources, and job preparation skills.

e. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

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f. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

(1) Improved mental and physical health: Number of clients linked to a primary care provider and/or a behavioral health provider as reflected in the client's electronic health record. (2) Reduce recidivism and divert from criminal justice system: Number of participants who's prior living situation was "jail/prison" who have not returned to jail/prison as recorded in the HMIS "Destination" section. (3) Reduce homelessness: Number of clients who have exited the program linked to permanent housing.

g. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Withhold funding until deliverables are met.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Mario Jardon
- b. **Organization:** Citrus Health Network, Inc.
- c. **Email:** mario@citrushealth.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (305)424-3100

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Citrus Health Network, Inc.
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College



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Other (Please specify)

d. Contact Name: Mario Jardon

e. E-mail Address: mario@citrushealth.com

f. Phone Number: (305)424-3100

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

a. Name: Monica Rodriguez

b. Firm: Ballard Partners

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