



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1161

1. **Title of Project:** Voices for Florida Open Doors Outreach Network

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/24/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Voices for Florida Open Doors Outreach Network – Serving Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSE) Children and Young Adults. Continues the statewide backbone office to serve sexually exploited and trafficked victims, age 10-24, and provides matching funds for direct services by Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) dollars. This request will expand services from 360 to more than 600 victims; increase the number of service counties from 32 to 40 where Open Doors is available; and leverage federal (VOCA) funds on a 4:1 ratio, resulting in \$4.5 million. The success of Open Doors relies on the coordination of state and federal funds for service coordination across systems, timeliness of services, consistent protocols, ed/training, and QA, all of which didn't exist to the degree needed in FL. The statewide lead agency is Voices for Florida, established in 1976. Subcontracted providers for Open Doors include Children's Home Society; Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; One More Child and More to Life.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,500,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	34.73%
Federal	4,698,219	65.27%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>7,198,219</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,800,000	1283	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2,500,000

#### 10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Statewide President	120,452
Other Salary and Benefits	Open Doors Statewide Director	102,854
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative expenses necessary to support Statewide President and Open Doors Statewide Director	66,957
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subcontracted support in the areas of Process Management, Technology Augmentation, Public Awareness, Technology, Curriculum Support	154,629
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Direct Service Quality Assurance Manager; Education & Training Director; Statewide Assistant; Statewide Assistant; Sr. Advisor; Education & Training Coordinator; Information & Outreach Specialist; Compliance & Auditing Director; Clinician	566,396
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses necessary to support statewide Training, Compliance, Quality Assurance & Support Services.	399,292
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Matching Funds to pull down the 4:1 match requirement for VOCA funds to support direct services in 40 counties and 8 regions.	1,089,420
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,500,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network assists victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and supports their immediate and ongoing needs while further reducing their reliance on governmental, health, criminal justice and other. Open Doors is aligned with reports from the Statewide Council of Human Trafficking, led by Florida Attorney General, and OPPAGA: (1) Florida needs a statewide coordinated system such as Open Doors to address the multiplicity of needs of CSE victims; (2) Florida's system for serving CSE children and young adults is fragmented and coordination across systems is weak. (3) Continued funding streams are needed to implement and sustain an effective statewide response. Documented support includes DCF, DJJ, DOH, law enforcement, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, faith community, Guardian Ad Litem, and other stakeholders. 360 victims were served by Open Doors in 2018. It is estimated that this appropriation will support services to a total of 600 victims.



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

Coordinated network serving both male and female victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and sex trafficking, ages 10-24. Upon identification and referral, victims receive direct care from the Open Doors Outreach Team, consisting of Survivor-Mentors, Regional Advocates and Clinicians. The team is on call 24/7 to provide immediate crisis intervention along with day-to-day trauma-competent care management. The Open Doors statewide coordinating office establishes shared measurement practices, partners with regional direct service providers and cross-sector stakeholders to engage community members; and is providing/developing education and training programs centered on learning outcomes that will increase comprehension and application. Voices for Florida (VFF) also coordinates and administers monitoring and evaluation activities, and works to mobilize public and private financial resources to support services and programs for the Open Doors Outreach Network.

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

Expand services from 360 to more than 600 victims of sexual exploitation, ages 10 to 24 and increase the number of counties from 32 to 40 where Open Door services are available.

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

Sexually exploited and sex trafficked children and young adults age 10-24 in the identified 40 county service area. Both dependent and non-dependent "community" children are eligible for services. Services to be provided for both suspected and verified cases. It is estimated that the following number of victims will receive services identified: Information and Referral: 500; Total Care Management Services: 600; Emotional Support or Safety Services: 600; Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance: 450; Training and Education: 500 (includes staff, stakeholders and community members); Public Awareness: 150,000.

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network assists identified victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking upon referral and reduces further reliance on governmental, health, criminal justice and other services. VFF has adopted several proven processes for tracking, monitoring, measuring and reporting performance outcomes. On a monthly basis, Voices on behalf of Open Doors will report the number of exploited and trafficked victims identified/referred, number of victims receiving services, types of services received by victims, and demographic information on those being served. VFF will also track performance measures related to education and training; needs of victims based on assessment results and tracking of referrals made for services; services needed but not available/not eligible for victims of sex trafficking; and long term outcomes including involvement with DCF (permanency, wellbeing, and safety), DJJ, Law Enforcement, etc..

**f. 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?**

Cancellation of Contract

**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.**

There is no direct or indirect fixed capital outlay funding included in this GR Appropriations Request.



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- c. **Organization Type:**
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  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
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