



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1182

1. Title of Project: Miami Bridge Host Homes for Youth

2. Senate Sponsor: Manny Diaz

3. Date of Submission: 01/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Miami Bridge would provide host homes as an intervention for youth who are currently experiencing homelessness for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to, family conflict, poverty, gender identification and sexual orientation. The goal of our host homes would be to provide a safe, temporary, welcoming space for up to 6 months. This would give the young person time to repair their relationship with self-identified family member(s) or explore other housing options with the support and guidance of caring staff.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	250,500

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)	250,500	83.36%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	50,000	16.64%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	300,500	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$250,500

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Host Home Coordinators- Seeks safe, temporary, welcoming space for up to six months so youth have time to repair relationships or seek other housing. Case Managers- Provides case management, independent living skills and family strengthening services.	148,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	20 host stipends \$700/mo for average of 5 months 20 youth welcome kits @ \$100	74,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	20 training costs, evaluation, youth stipends and Miami Bridge travel costs	28,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,500

11. Program Performance:

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

In accordance with the mandate to end homelessness in 2020, funds will be used to seek permanency housing and services for the most vulnerable, difficult-to-place youth, ages 16 to 20. Youth who are waiting for permanent housing will receive mental health counseling (as needed) and services to prepare them for independent living, such as case management, job readiness, academic advisement and placement, and wraparound services.

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

Case Managers will provide services to youth in the areas of counseling, community support groups, case management. Additionally Needs Assessments and Service plans are developed with the youth to assist them in meeting their educational, employment, housing, and well-being.

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

Training of community members who volunteer to participate in providing in home counseling for the youth. On-going case management services, counseling, trouble shooting and oversight is provided to the youth. Collaboration with partner organizations, attending community meetings and providing on-going support and consultation.

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



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The target population includes: Victims of crime, High school students, Drug users (in health services), Persons with poor mental health, Persons with poor physical health, Jobless persons, Economically disadvantaged persons, At-risk youth, and Homeless. We expect to serve 50 youth and their families, of which 20 youth would live in host homes and 30 youth would live with family members or in alternate housing.

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

1. Obtain Stable Housing: Youth upon exiting the program transition to a family, friend, or permanent home and measured as success when 80% of youth report at time of exit that they feel safe and satisfied about their housing plan. 2. Improve Quality of Education: Youth participating in the program demonstrate academic progress where 80% of youth advance academically (complete GED/HS diploma/enrollment in a vocational program). 3. Create Job Opportunities: Youth participate in job readiness program or obtain a part-time job during the program and success is measured by 85% of youth at exit of the program/30 days later have completed an employment portfolio or obtained a part-time job.

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?

Failure to meet performance measures may lead to corrective action up to and including contract termination.

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:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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