



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1460

1. **Title of Project:** Project Liberty
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Linda Stewart
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/12/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**

Project Liberty in Orange County, is a victim-centered, trauma-informed, and multi-prong service center for Human Trafficked (HT) individuals between the ages of 12-21 residing in the Central Florida area. Project Liberty facilitates strength-based choices while building autonomy, self-esteem, and wholeness so that every individual may become productive members of society. Project Liberty is the only facility of its kind in Central Florida that works directly with Law Enforcement to provide a temporary and safe place of refuge for minors and young adults whose crime may be that of victimization and not warrant incarceration. Law Enforcement can bring identified victims to the gated drop-in center 24 hours a day for intake, therapeutic counseling, case management, care coordination services, education and intervention services, social support services, referrals, and for short-term respite care (up to 23 hrs of stay).

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	169,680
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	169,680

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)	169,680	88.99%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	21,000	11.01%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	190,680	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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$169,680

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of salary will be paid to the Project Head to ensure the goals and objectives of the project are met, provide supervision for staff and consultants.	15,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	1 full-time case manager (\$32,000) 1 part-time case manager (\$17,680) 2 part-time therapists (\$70,000 (\$35,000 ea)) 1 part-time Crisis intervention specialist (\$15,000) These positions are necessary for carrying out the program and do not receive reimbursement from any other source	134,680
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	These expenses include mileage for travel/transporting victims, educational materials for workshops/training, rent for facility usage for workshops/conferences, marketing materials, printing, and office supplies.	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Certified Professional Accountant to track, review, audit and report on the finances of this project.	5,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		169,680

11. Program Performance:

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

To provide a safe place of temporary refuge for youth human trafficking victims (HT); so they can remove themselves from a commercial sexual exploitation situation as an alternative to incarceration. Our goal is to service up to 150 youth/citizens. Youth who are identified by law enforcement, DCF, or other governmental entities as HT shall be enrolled. In addition, workshops, conferences and trainings will be conducted tri-county wide on HT prevention and intervention strategies to the community (i.e. parents, law enforcement, government, schools, private and public sectors).

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



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Project Liberty will expand its services with these funds and will provide additional case managers, therapists, and a crisis intervention specialist to support the demand for the following services: Case Management and care coordination, mental health services, social support services, family support, and community education/training for parents, teachers, etc.

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

Citizens who seek services with Project Liberty will receive the following direct services: Access to respite services up to 23 hrs; Intensive case management including assessment of needs and individualized service plans; Mental Health evaluations and therapeutic counseling; Life skills; Clothing, food and basic necessities; Documentation assistance (i.e. birth certificate, ID); Crisis intervention support/mentoring; Care coordination for housing, medical, dental, and legal referrals; Family support and reunification; and Prevention education workshops and strategic training for parents, schools, government, public and private sectors.

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

The target population includes the youth and young adults between the ages of 12-21 who are victims of crime, may have poor mental or physical health, homeless, low-income; and the general community (i.e. parents, teachers, public and private entities, government, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, etc.). We anticipate serving 150 individuals.

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

The expected benefit or outcome of this project is to: increase community safety by providing a safe place for victims of crime or at-risk youth who have been identified as human trafficking (HT) victims a temporary place of refuge; to increase early access to mental & health services such as substance abuse treatment rather than incarceration when it is not in the victim's best interest; and increase community awareness of prevention and intervention strategies to reduce the incidences of HT among youth/young adults. By projects end, 80% of project participants will have successfully accessed and participated in services (i.e. mental health); increased in self-efficacy; and increased in knowledge about HT and reduction strategies; Outcomes will be measured by pre and post surveys, interviews, referrals forms, and surveillance data.

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 deliverables or performance measures will result in no additional funding for this project in the future.

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:** Katherine Norfleet
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- c. **E-mail Address:** knorfleet@imagesofglory.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)988-3048



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Images of Glory, Inc.
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Katherine Norfleet
- e. **E-mail Address:** knorfleet@imagesofglory.org
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**