



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1942

1. Title of Project: Lighthouse for the Blind - Central Florida

2. Senate Sponsor: David Simmons

3. Date of Submission: 01/15/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Funding towards the purchase of larger, more suitable facility for vision rehab services for blind and visually impaired Central Floridians of all ages.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	25.00%
Federal	2,500,000	31.25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	3,500,000	43.75%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	8,000,000	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? No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding to support purchase of facility for only provider of vision-specific education for blind and visually impaired children and vision rehabilitation services for residents of Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Lighthouse Central Florida is the ONLY provider of comprehensive services for the blind (every age) serving Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. Currently, Lighthouse does not have adequate space to operate to serve 600 residents/year, however, estimates suggest there are between 50-80,000 Central Floridians who might qualify for services. Lighthouse seeks funding assistance to acquire and likely renovate more suitable building so it can better meet the needs of Central Floridians.

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

Services provided: Vision-specific educational services for blind and visually impaired children between birth-18 years of age; comprehensive vision rehabilitation, vocational rehabilitation, supported employment, job readiness, braille, technology, and other types of training. Additionally, this new building will house a much needed, state-of-the art low-vision clinic desperately needed to serve a large community and fill major gaps in low-vision clinic availability (open to all Central Floridians).

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

Please see b. above.

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

Central Floridians of every age living with visual impairment and blindness. Numbers served: - Immediate = 600/year - Near-term (by 2023) = 1,200/year - Future = 5-10,000/year

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

Increased entry into mainstream classrooms/reduced need for special education; academic success/higher graduation rates/increased college attendance; gainful employment; independent living; delay of entry to assisted living; reduced incidence of emergency room visits.

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?



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None.

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.

Lighthouse Central Florida

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Lighthouse Works
- 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)
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