



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1996

1. **Title of Project:** CESC, Inc.- Homeless Services

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bill Montford

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/22/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The emergency services program provides a safe, secure place for adult men and women experiencing homelessness in the Big Bend region to secure essential needs such as shelter, meals, hygiene items, showers, laundry services, non-emergency medical services and dental care. It is CESC's primary objective to maximize the stability of our clients' living environment and assist them in achieving their highest obtainable level of self-sufficiency. This is achieved in the short term by meeting our clients' basic needs and the long term through referrals to social service agencies who provide service on-site and connection to our housing-focused case management activity which works collaboratively with a variety of different human service agencies/organizations to address the unique needs and obstacles each client faces. Through this collaborative effort, a variety of needs can be simultaneously met and the unique barriers to housing each of our clients face can be thoroughly explored.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	15.61%
Federal	30,000	0.47%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	17,332	0.27%
Local	474,747	7.41%
Other	4,884,353	76.24%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	6,406,432	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		500,000	344	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,000,000

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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	CESC, Inc. provides direct services to the needy by providing individualized case management and emergency shelter to nearly 400 people each night and provides on-site nursing to clients with medical needs daily. CESC provides approx. 900 meal daily. The staff that prepares and serves these meals does so in conjunction with over 700 community volunteers annually. CESC offers off-site transitional housing and case management which assists our clients in obtaining and maintaining stable housing.	485,380
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	CESC, Inc. receives a great deal of in-kind contributions from area businesses and community members. However, supplemental purchases, including food, are required to meet the needs of the clients we serve. Additionally, CESC, inc. provides laundry services, hygiene products, medications, and supplies needed to ensure a safe and sanitary environment for the clients we serve.	376,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The safety of the clients served by CESC, Inc. and the community members who volunteer their time is of great importance. For this reason, there is security on-site seven days a week and a security guard at our entrance searching belongings and operating our metal detector daily. Additionally, there is roving patrol of the exterior of all program sites to deter criminal activity and predatory activity. The requested funds will ensure that our facility will continue to remain safe.	138,120
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:



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

Continued operations of CESC, Inc. and limited expansion of direct services available to the 3,000+ clients served annually. CESC, Inc. operates four cutting edge programs; the Kearney Center, Westgate, The Dwellings and CESC Health Services. The Kearney Center a facility that provides wraparound services in a one-stop model of care. Westgate and the Dwellings provide low-barrier housing in rooming-house and tiny-house format, respectively. These two programs act as transitional housing options for individuals exiting the Kearney Center. Additionally, they are a safety net in the Big Bend region and provide stable program-based housing for individuals who are struggling to maintain their housing and are at risk of becoming homeless. CESC Health Services provides no-cost dental and physical health services to CESC clients. This particular model of service is unmatched in the state of Florida.

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

Overnight emergency shelter, meals, housing-focused case management, non-emergency medical services and dental care.

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

One of CESC's programs is an emergency shelter that provides daily meals & emergency shelter along with the coordination of community agencies to provide a one-stop-shop model of care which includes a nursing team that works on-site 365 evenings a year & a dental clinic. The two housing programs, Westgate & The Dwellings, along with the Kearney Center all have case managers that work to transition individuals into housing & connect people with services to ensure that the housing remains stable.

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

CESC, Inc.'s emergency service program's target population is any individual in the Big Bend eight county region who is in need of low-barrier housing, emergency shelter, meals, hygiene items, showers, laundry services, non-emergency medical services and dental care. The shelter and housing programs all include case management teams which focus on identifying and maintaining stable housing. Emergency services are provided 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Based on providing service to the homeless population since 1989, and the increased demand for shelter and low-barrier housing, we expect to provide over 3,000 unduplicated individuals with emergency services. We anticipate CESC will provide over 140,000 lodging nights of emergency shelter (an increase of 7,000 since 2018) this year along with access to wraparound services on-site.

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

1) Enhance specific individual's economic self-sufficiency: reduce the cost of homelessness by providing shelter and rapidly rehousing individuals and returning them to self-sufficiency. Measure- monthly report of lodging nights & the number of individuals placed in housing. 2) Improve physical health: provide medical clinic services to persons experiencing homelessness by operating a clinic 365 days a year, purchasing and dispensing prescription medications along with over the counter medications. Additionally, our dental office will provide no-cost dental service. Measure - monthly report of medications that were provided and the number of unique clients who received medical service on-site. Additionally a monthly report of dental services and the number of unique clients who receive care can be reported. 3) Improve mental health: provide referrals to mental health services that are provided by staff, and representatives from partnering agencies. Measure- monthly report of referrals.



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- 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?**

If monthly deliverables are not met, DCF will reduce the reimbursement by 1% of the invoice total.

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.

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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