



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2361

1. **Project Title** First Hug Program - Pasco and Pinellas counties2. **Senate Sponsor** Ed Hooper3. **Date of Request** 01/09/20204. **Project/Program Description**

First Hug is a two-generation, child centered program which seeks to empower families to prevent and mitigate the impact and trauma of homelessness through access to prevention services, resources, and wrap-around case management. Services focus on improving family overall stability and well-being and address children's developmental, safety, or school needs. Family Support Centers located in western and eastern Pasco County will provide homeless prevention resources such as rent or utility assistance, food, and system navigation for community resources. First Hug Case Management concentrates on the needs of the child by focusing on assuring children are enrolled and attending a quality child care program or are attending school, providing developmental screenings, educating parents on school engagement, advocacy, and providing safety resources. Wrap-around services to stabilize the family also include employment/training support and housing search assistance.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and FamiliesState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	805,418
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	805,418

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	805418	80.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	201,355	20 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	1,006,773	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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#### 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for direct care staff, including Prevention Specialists and Family Advocate Case Managers.	655,906
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Direct client assistance/supplies to homeless and families at risk of homelessness.	149,512
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		805,418



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

First Hug seeks to address the needs of families who are homeless and at-risk of homelessness. Up to 2,000 families will be served through homeless prevention services; 150 families will receive wrap-around case management support. Services will stabilize and connect families to resources; reduce stress and impact of trauma; prevent homelessness or future homelessness; assure access to early intervention services for children ages 0-5; and reduce barriers to school attendance for school-aged children.

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

First Hug is a two-generation, child centered program which seeks to empower families to prevent and mitigate the impact and trauma of homelessness through access to prevention services, resources, and wrap-around case management. Services focus on improving family overall stability and well-being and address children's developmental and school needs. Family Support Centers will be located in the eastern (Dade City) and western corridors of Pasco County (Holiday). First Hug Case Management will serve Pasco and northern Pinellas counties.

##### c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Family Support Center Prevention Specialists will assess and provide resources including financial assistance to prevent homelessness to 2,000 individuals at two locations. First Hug Family Advocates will provide wrap-around case management support to 150 homeless families for 3 to 6 months in the home or a location convenient to the client. Wrap-around services use evidence-based techniques and include assistance identifying housing, employment, developmental screening for children ages 0-5, assistance with enrolling in school, parent engagement training, identifying safety needs in the home, and connection to resources in the community, such as counseling services.

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

The target population served by this project is families who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness in Pasco and northern Pinellas counties. Homeless families include those who are doubled-up with family/friends, living in a place unfit for human habitation, living in a Shelter, living in a motel, or fleeing from domestic violence. Families who are at-risk of homelessness include those who have an eviction/ utility notice or other identified high needs. 2,000 households or 6,000 individuals will be served with one time concrete resources to prevent homelessness. 150 households or 450 people will be served with wrap-around case management services.

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

At least 80% of a minimum of 150 parents/caregivers will have improved family well-being and self-sufficiency as evidenced by an increase on the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS-G) from entry to exit or maintain score of 0 on Family Health and self-sufficiency domains. At least 85% of 75 parents/caregivers with school-aged children will be involved with their child's development, education, or school as evidenced by an increase in average score on the Parent Questionnaire from entry to exit (or beginning/end of school year). At least 85% of a minimum of 150 parents/caregivers will support their child's healthy development as evidenced by a completed ASQ3 Parent Conference form with verified completion of activity sheet within 45 days of opening case management services. Link 2,000 individuals to concrete supports to prevent homelessness as evidenced by the amount of at-risk of homeless individuals served through concrete support service to prevent homelessness.

##### 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?

Reversion of funds.



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12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
- ☒ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.