



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2489

1. **Project Title** Her Song Jacksonville - Housing and Services for Human Trafficking Victims

2. **Senate Sponsor** Aaron Bean

3. **Date of Request** 12/16/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

The purpose of the program is to provide trauma-informed and empowerment-driven residential programs to female sex trafficking survivors ages 18 and up with the goal of reducing the life-altering effects of trauma, reducing relapse, reducing/eliminating justice involvement, and developing positive skills to support education, career, and self-sufficiency. Additionally, Her Song seeks to expand facilities to meet the high demand for services in the Northeast Florida area by purchasing land for expansion of residential services to address the overwhelming number of referrals annually (over 275 in 2019) and an addition of a home for teen girls with a learning center on site.

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

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	385,600
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	735,600

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)	735600	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	735,600	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. 350,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Licensed Clinician	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Benefits	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, phone	10,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Stipend for study & research in the area of trafficking, trauma, and post-traumatic growth to support research and development of best practices.	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Residential & Program Counseling staff.	270,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage, Cell Phones, Victim intake phone line.	10,400
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training, National Network Memberships and Referral Networks	10,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land Purchase and Site Planning for expansion of residential services to address the overwhelming number of referrals annually and an addition of a home for teen girls with a learning center on site.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		735,600



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11. Program Performance

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

Her Song provides residential programming to adult female victims of sex trafficking with the goal of empowering and improving the health of victims through holistic programming. Her Song programs aim to reduce the life-altering effects of trafficking and assist survivors with trauma-informed, empowerment-focused and strength-based programming that intentionally address mental health, physical health, life skills, education and career development and move victims to health and self-sufficiency.

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

Residential programming activities includes safe housing, 520 hours of post-trauma education, addiction and relapse prevention education; 80 hours min. of trauma counseling; 30 hours of survivor-led support groups; 520 hours of life-skills training and economic empowerment coaching; 520 hours of intensive case management. Additionally, community-based clients receive economic empowerment coaching and case management services.

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

Safe housing, food, clothing, intensive case management, access to health care and medications, trauma counseling, life skills, educational advancement opportunities, tutoring, career planning, transitional housing, community-based economic empowerment programming, outreach to and life skills for incarcerated victims, and statewide and national victim referral services.

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

Female human trafficking victims; 250 victims served.

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

Stable housing for the homeless, stabilization of physical and mental health; reduction in the altering effects of trauma; life skills training; economic empowerment; educational opportunities; career planning; upward economic mobility toward self-sufficiency; reduction in substance abuse; diversion from further justice involvement. Outcomes are measured by pre-, mid-, and post-assessments related to trauma, post traumatic growth, substance abuse, mental health and by achievement of client goals and objectives. In addition, the Bridge to Self-Sufficiency is a tool used to mentor, coach, and assist clients in upward economic mobility toward self-sufficiency.

- 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?

Standard contract penalties including return 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.