



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1618

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

- Camp Independence: Out-of-school programming incorporating educational enrichment classes, STEM, and field trips where our students remain engaged. It also includes life skills discussions and activities about healthy relationships, daily habits, employment, education, mental health, housing, civic engagement, and financial literacy.

- After-School Enrichment: Includes personalized tutoring, life skills and enrichment classes, mental health support, behavioral assessments, one-on-one coaching, goal setting, door-to-door transportation, and meals to meet students' educational needs.

- Employment Readiness: Includes vocational and entrepreneurship classes and our Internship Project to help students find their passion. We also employ former foster youth at GHH's camps and Community Center.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	137,000	31%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	437,000	100%

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

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

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries are for an Impact Director (\$65,000) three Impact Coaches (\$45,000 x 3) to administer our wrap-around services and programming. We need this human capital to implement additional and maintain existing programming and work with foster youth one-on-one for maximum impact. Please note that we only included the portion of wages allocated to programming here.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	We provide door-to-door transportation to our Community Center and field trips to ensure all foster youths can access our programming and services regardless of where they live in the county. As a result, our attendance is always at least 85%, and engagement is high. Since the pandemic, transportation costs have 4xed. These monies will allow us to offset costs by purchasing a multi-passenger van.	45,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Community Partner expenses for local, qualified professionals who will lead our vocational, enrichment, and life skills classes and provide educational support services. Plus, Camp Counselors and Camp Directors who are aged-out foster youth and foster parents who have shared life experiences and help our students acclimate and thrive.	55,000



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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

Per Citrus Family Care Network, 61% of foster youth in Florida are incarcerated by age 19, 38% are homeless, 68% are unemployed, 89% are diagnosed with mental health issues, and 50% have substance abuse issues. Additionally, only 50% and 3% graduate from high school and college, respectively. So, we will expand needed life skills, educational, vocational, and enrichment programming and wrap-around services to over 200 foster youth. And to create transformational change in our community by providing these youths with the tools and resources to overcome past trauma, succeed in school, obtain employment and successfully transition out of foster care.

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

GHH will provide high-impact, hands-on programming and services to underserved foster youth and former foster youth ages 10-25 to help them overcome past trauma, succeed in school, and develop into self-sufficient and productive members of our community, including out-of-school programming and employment and college readiness. In addition to classes, students will work one-on-one with our Impact Coaches and Director to achieve their set behavioral, educational, and financial goals

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

We will reduce the number of foster youth susceptible to unemployment, drug addiction, and incarceration by empowering them through individualized, carefully curated resources and programming. GHH will provide comprehensive life skills, enrichment, and vocational classes led by staff and knowledgeable community partners to our most vulnerable citizens. We will also offer personalized tutoring, mental health support, behavioral assessments, one-on-one coaching, mentoring, job and educational support, and goal-setting. Lastly, we will provide door-to-door transportation to ensure access.

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

Our target population is foster youth ages 10-15, youth transitioning out of foster care ages 16-17, and former foster youth ages 18-25. They are a diverse group whose parents are from low-income to lower-middle-class socioeconomic statuses, and 85% of our students have mental health disorders. More than 200 foster youths will be served.

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

(1) Improve Mental Health: We track emotional progress via behavioral charts. We also track behavior patterns in different environments based on feedback from caseworkers, teachers, and foster parents, We also use an online system called YES that tracks overall social-emotional learning and assesses the development of social skills, emotional resilience, and stress management strategies. (2) Improve Education Progress: We rack academic progress via test scores, progress reports, and report cards, as well as working with their teachers and school counselors. We track progress in this area with our foster youths' high school and college graduation rates. (3) Divert From Crime: We track improved behavior patterns through assessments and stakeholder feedback.

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 the contract?

We have performance benchmarks for GHH staff and conduct internal audits of our programs. We can share this information to show our progress, impact, and outcomes. We also welcome an audit if the State feels we failed to meet agreed-upon measures reasonably.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number