



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2065

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Heartland Youth Village campus is in need of significant repairs and renovations for homes/buildings where collaborating partners can provide safety, stability and caring relationships to nurture and heal hurting children and teenagers with high needs that have experienced trauma as a result of child abuse and neglect. Funding will support efforts to open a new Residential Group Home for children/teens on the campus and make repairs to other buildings serving abused/neglected children.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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

No



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

7/1/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

6/30/24

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.

The City of Bartow is the owner of the property. The Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches has a 99 year lease with the City of Bartow of Polk County. Heartland for Children subleases from the Florida Sheriff Youth Ranches.

### 13. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for repairs and renovations in homes/buildings that will provide group care services for children in the foster care system using a trauma informed model. Repairs and renovations include but not limited to replacing rotten wood (fascia), AC repairs & replacement, appliances, plumbing, cabinets, flooring, windows and electrical.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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

Repairs and renovations will be made to both a vacant home and existing buildings on the Heartland Youth Village Campus located in Bartow. The vacant home requires extensive repairs/renovations in order to open a new Residential Group Home for high needs youth with emotional or behavioral health disorders. Existing homes also need some repairs/renovations in order to continue the care for children in foster care.

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

Direct services would include the opening of a Residential Group Home that would provide an array of services not limited to providing a home like environment, transportation, supervision, basic needs, and mentoring for high needs youth that are in the foster care system and at-risk or involved with law enforcement or the juvenile justice system.

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

The target population includes children and teenagers (grade school and high school) in the child welfare system that have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. This population includes those children and teenagers with poor mental health, poor physical health, jobless, homeless, developmentally disabled, victims of crime, and/or youth at-risk of entering the criminal/juvenile justice system.

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

Outcome 1: 95% of children in out-of home care will receive medical services as measured through DCF. Outcome 2: Children will improve their mental health by being referred to mental health professionals to receive the appropriate mental health services based on their mental health needs. This will be measured by the referrals made to providers, completed assessments, medication management and treatment plans to improve their mental well-being. Outcome 3: Children will be provided supervision by trained staff 7 days a week providing structure and activities to minimize runaway episodes and criminal activity measured by Incident Reports. Outcome 4: The new residential group home will provide 10 new jobs measured by staffing roster. Outcome 5: Children will be diverted from the criminal/juvenile justice system through mentoring, recreational, educational and daily activities to improve social skills and self-esteem measured through staffings and contract monitoring.

**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?**

Performance should be based on the completion of repairs and renovations on the Heartland Youth Village campus in order to pass inspections and meet licensing standards. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**



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- 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**