



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2141

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose of the requested funding is to provide adult and/or emancipated minors who are survivors of human (sex and/or labor) trafficking with emergency housing (in the form of hotels), transitional housing up to 12 months, and access to wrap around services, such as legal aid, dental care, internal medical care, behavioral healthcare, education, and job training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	965,259
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>965,259</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	965,259	82%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	166,000	14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	45,000	4%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,176,259</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	250,000	1336A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Our agency currently has a federal grant through the Department of Justice, guaranteed through April of 2024. Our agency is seeking a renewal of that funding as well as funding from other local grants, foundation grants and community donations.

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



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

Our agency received \$2.4M in CARES money from 2020-2021 to be used to purchase meals from restaurants who were financially strained due to the shutdown and distribute those meals to families in shelters, soup kitchens, and more. From 2022 to July of 2023 we administrated an additional \$1.6M in CARES money for the use of rent, mortgages, and utilities financial assistance for those financially affected by COVID-19.

## 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    
  N/A

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Program budget would cover 15% of our Accounting Manager's salary and benefits for a total of \$13,680. Program budget would also cover 100% of a part-time bookkeeper at \$20 per hour, for 20 hours per week, for a total of \$22,433 for the year. For additional information, please refer to Appendix A.	36,113
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program budget would cover 100% of the salaries and benefits of our full-time Intensive Case Manager at \$70,385 and full-time Program Advocate at \$58,616 for a total of \$129,001. These two positions are essential to the success and execution of the program. For additional information, please refer to Appendix A.	129,001



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rent for 20 units at \$1,500 per apartment for 12 months, total of \$360,000.</li> <li>- Water and sewage for 20 units at \$100 per month for 12 months, total of \$24,000.</li> <li>- Internet for 20 units at \$70 per month for 12 months, total of \$16,800.</li> <li>- Curbside garbage pickup for 20 units at \$17 per month for 12 months, total of \$4,080.</li> </ul> <p>Additional expenses are list on Appendix A.</p>	575,970
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Security camera subscriptions at \$200 per year per unit at 20 units, total of \$4,000.</li> <li>- Legal services at \$200 per session, est. 5 per month for current or new clients for 12 months, total of \$12,000.</li> <li>- Behavioral health and counseling services at \$250 per session, estimated 30 sessions per month for new and or existing clients, for 12 months, total of \$90,000.</li> </ul> <p>For additional information, please refer to Appendix A.</p>	224,175
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>965,259</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of obtaining funds provided by this grant is for United Way of Pasco County to be able to continue to provide survivors of human trafficking throughout the state of Florida services without interruption to current program clients and expand the program reach to keep up with the demand. The funds requested would be used to continue to provide housing and wrap around services such as intensive behavioral health therapy, legal assistance, healthcare, and dental care.

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

To execute this statewide initiative, our Case Work team will accept requests for emergency hotel stays for no more than 5 nights, from law enforcement agencies and or anti-trafficking agencies throughout the state. Our agency will lease 1-3 bedroom housing units in the UWPC name. There will be at least one housing unit located in each of the following counties: Pasco, Pinellas, and Hillsborough. These housing units will serve as safe and healthy living environments for up to 12 months. While trafficking clients and their dependents are being housed in our units, our Case Manager and Victims Advocate will offer counseling, case management, crisis intervention, and access to wrap around services.

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

Survivors of human trafficking require a variety of wrap around services in order to regain a healthy and self-sufficient life. To assist our clients in our program, we will offer our clients access to many kinds of wrap around services. Our agency has a well established relationship with a dental clinic, legal aid, mental health therapist, and health clinics. We also partner with agencies that provide services such as education, job training and placement, substance abuse recovery, and over 100 other direct services. Because the majority of our clients do not have their own transportation, we will provide our clients with access to public transportation through the use of bus passes and ride shares.

**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 are adult men, adult women, and emancipated minors in the State of Florida.

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



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Clients in our program have access to many benefits such as obtaining their GEDs, acquiring employment, crisis intervention, sobriety, healthcare, legal assistance, mental health therapy and safe stable housing. While clients are in the program, Case workers check in with clients on a monthly basis at minimum. When clients exit the program the Case Workers will check in with clients once per month and will provide wrap around services for a minimum of 3 months and no more than 12 months after exiting the traditional housing program. Program has provided over 800 services to over 70 homeless survivors of human trafficking since April 2021. Since April, 2021, 32 survivors have received long term housing assistance from this program, which initially was only expected to house 8 survivors. Since June 2022, the program has provided over 75 7-day emergency hotel accommodations for homeless Human Trafficking survivors. Since July of 2022, there have been over 70 emergency responses.

**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?**

As an agency that has managed multiple local, state, and federal grants we would do everything in our power to not have a penalty. However, should an event as such arise our agency would return the appropriate amount of funding.

**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**

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**