



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1120

1. Title of Project: City of Hope International - House of Hope

2. Senate Sponsor: Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Submission: 01/25/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

House of Hope, a non-profit, residential substance abuse treatment center, is run by volunteers and located on leased property in Wildwood, FL. Our current campus has been sold to The Villages and we must relocate by July 1, 2019. The relocation is costly but will provide better facilities and we must hire additional staff to manage the program. The men who are accepted into the program are from a variety of sources, including the court system, Sumter County Jail, churches, and their families. The men remain in the program for up to a year and then return to their families and communities. While the men are asked to pay a small monthly fee, most do not have resources to pay and most funding for the program is provided through donations and fundraising events.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Operations Manager Salary and benefits Finance Manager Salary and benefits	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Part time Clinical Therapist	40,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land acquisition of 3 acres, construction for dormitory, classrooms, living area and offices for director	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Funding will allow House of Hope to provide increased and more efficient services for our residents. House of Hope exists on charitable donations and all administrators and other staff are volunteers. We need professional staff which is more than our current donations provide. Additionally, our program will secure a facility which will serve as a residence for the men and provide classrooms, etc. for the program.

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

The men in the program will have better facilities and program space. Funding to staff the program with professionals is of utmost importance. The program uses volunteer staff and the ability to hire staff would add structure and opportunities for the men. The licensed clinical therapist would establish a work plan for the men and assist in working through their addictions.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Substance abuse treatment in a residential setting. The men will work with a therapist.

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

The target population are men over the age of 18 who are battling drug and/or alcohol addiction and their families. Annually, an average of 30 men go through our program.

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

1. The new facility will be secured and the men will have a safe and caring environment to battle their addictions. 2. An Operations Manager will oversee all facets of the program. The Finance Director will perform the accounting and reporting duties. 3. A licensed clinical therapist will benefit the men by evaluating them and



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working through their issues leading them on the path to be drug and alcohol free. The outcome will be that the facility is secured and the staff hired.

- 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?**

Loss of funding for failure to meet contract deliverables.

12. **The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

City of Hope International, Inc. is a non-profit entity, governed by a Board of Directors.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Hope International, Inc d/b/a House of Hope
- b. **County:** Sumter
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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