



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1179

1. Title of Project: Place of Hope, Inc - Child Welfare and Foster Care Regionalization Phase VI

2. Senate Sponsor: Bobby Powell

3. Date of Submission: 01/18/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Place of Hope, Inc. is seeking funding to continue expansion of facilities, bed capacity and services to children, youth and human trafficking victims in foster care and following emancipation from foster care through a regional approach. Specifically, the funding would complete the construction of the Place of Hope Treasure Coast Community Outreach and Program Training Center (Martin County) and of the Place of Hope Palm Beach County Community Outreach and Training Center (Palm Beach County).

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	
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	80.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	500,000	20.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,500,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,250,000	326A	No

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and		



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Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Complete construction of Community Outreach and Training Center in Martin County and Palm Beach County	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

These funds would allow Place of Hope to continue to meet the unprecedented increases in regional placement needs for Florida's abused and neglected children, victims of human trafficking and homeless young adults.

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

Recruitment, training and retention of quality foster families. Staff training and educational programs

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

Placement, mentoring, job skills enhancement, after school activities, independent living skills, social enhancement and structured living environment.

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

Abused and neglected children and youth, victims of human trafficking, foster parents and families - statewide. Through this funding Place of Hope, Inc will provide services to 1000 individuals annually.

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

Place of Hope seeks to continue impacting the disproportionate number of foster children placed in group homes and shelters (in the district) rather than traditional foster homes. By focusing on the recruitment and retention of quality foster families, Place of Hope seeks to stabilize the local system, thus placing more children within their County of origin (within the Treasure Coast) as well as in productive family environments.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reasoning, will result in financial penalties as described in contract.

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.



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

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- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- 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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