



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1514

1. Title of Project: Lotus House Education and Employment Program for High Special Needs Homeless Women and Youth

2. Senate Sponsor: Wilton Simpson

3. Date of Submission: 02/01/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Lotus House Women’s Shelter Education and Employment program delivers life-changing employment and educational support, training, services, referrals and internships/employment and job placement to high special needs homeless women and youth.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

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

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

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)	300,000	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	300,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	100,000	200,000	125	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 200000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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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	Wages and Benefits - 2.5 FTE Education and Employment Coordinators; 0.75 FTE Thrift Shop Program Manager; 0.25 FTE Working Classroom Kitchen Program Manager; 0.25 Working Classroom Kitchen Manager; 42 on-site client job training internships.	245,748
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Uniforms, books, course fees, work shoes, postage, office supplies, licenses.	54,252
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Lotus House Women’s Shelter Education and Employment program delivers life-changing employment and educational support, training, services, referrals and internships/employment and job placement to high special needs homeless women and youth.

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

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search.

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

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search.

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

255 high special needs homeless women/youth, with one or more of the other characteristics noted. Persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and victims of crime.

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

Improve quality of education: 65 receive education support counseling and assistance in applying for education completion/training; 45 begin/complete high school diploma/GED/other vocational training; 255 have access to computers and instruction. Create specific immediate job opportunities: 42 receive paid/unpaid employment



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internships; 110 obtain employment or increase employment income. Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency:110 participate in a job readiness training course; 110 complete a professional resume; 150 receive employment coaching; 75 participate in a job search workshop; 150 participate in life skills training; 110 receive intensive retail, Barista, foodservice or other vocational certification training (e.g.,home health aide, security); 140 offered work clothing/accessories; 42 receive paid internships; 110 obtain jobs or increase job income. MEASURES: Summary of service spreadsheet. Individual action plans and progress notes available on-site.

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?

No payment when deliverables not completed.

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.

Not applicable.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Sundari Foundation, Inc. dba Lotus House Women's Shelter
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- d. **Phone Number:** (305)613-1573

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Sundari Foundation, Inc., dba Lotus House Women's Shelter
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Anna Frusciante
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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