



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1223

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida is ranked 3rd in the nation for human trafficking. Furthermore, Tampa Bay including Pinellas County, is one of the greatest problem areas in the state. An estimated 80% of trafficking victims are young females who have been repeatedly abused, and up to 50% are children. Since 1979, ALPHA House of Pinellas County's mission has been to protect these young mothers and their babies from further abuse at the hands of traffickers in order to prepare them for a life of success and self-sufficiency. Our proposal focuses on keeping traffickers and abusers away from our center and on increasing the safety of the teens, women, & babies living at ALPHA House of Pinellas County. We propose a "Protection-in-depth" security construction project that is created through the addition of three layers of security; outer layer (barrier at property line), middle layer (exterior of building), and inner protective layer (doors and cameras in our building) to keep traffickers away and increase safety.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="363,480"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>363,480</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="363480"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="93.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,444"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="7"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>388,924</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Planning and design phases of this project have been completed. Permits will be pulled (as needed) upon receipt of funds. We are requesting funds for a "Protection-in-depth" construction and renovation project that consists of building three layers of security; outer protective layer (barrier at property line), middle protective layer (exterior of building), and inner protective layer (doors and cameras within building).	363,480
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>363,480</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

Our goal is to keep victims of human trafficking safe. Human trafficking is the fastest growing and 3rd largest organized criminal activity, behind drug and arms trade. The expected benefit to the community will be the creation of a "safe place" for pregnant teens and women, and their babies, who are victims of human trafficking and many who are witnesses to crimes of the worst kind. Our client's lives are at risk because their traffickers want them back. This project will deter and prevent traffickers from coming onto our property and it will increase the safety of the children, mothers, and staff members living and working at ALPHA House of Pinellas County. Because of the nature of our work we are mostly staffed by women. Increased security will allow us to also better control who comes in and out of our building, better secure the perimeter of the property, and monitor resident behavior within the building by being able to monitor the spaces accessed by each resident and baby.

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

Upon the receipt of funds, a "Protection-in-depth" focused construction and renovation project will be completed at ALPHA House of Pinellas County. This consists of building three layers of security; outer protective layer (barrier at property line to include a working gate and fence), middle protective layer (exterior of building to include an alarm function to alert when a "door is ajar" or a "door is held open" along with a security keyfob - a handy device that will allow us to quickly arm or disarm our alarm panel). Last, our inner protective layer will be enhanced to include safety lock doors and cameras within the building. Funds will allow us to fix our property gate and fence, upgrade our indoor and outdoor camera surveillance system, and provide us automatic access control to the doors inside the building, a "protection-in-depth" design.

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

During their stay at ALPHA House of Pinellas County, human trafficking victims receive educational and counseling support to help them address their past traumas and acquire the qualities to be self-reliant and to take personal responsibility for themselves and their babies. Approximately 80% of the mothers who have completed our program have made the successful transition to permanent housing and independent living and are able to go on to effectively care for themselves and their babies; breaking the cycle of abuse and poverty. Pregnant women, teens, new mothers and infants who have suffered at the hands of their human traffickers will be provided with safe, stable, and nurturing housing and a comprehensive community support program. ALPHA House of Pinellas County offers the only residential maternity housing in the State that serves women ages 14-41 that offers an extended length of stay after the baby is born.

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

The target population to be served by this project are teen and adult mothers who have been victims of human trafficking and their babies. Many of these same teen and adult mothers are also witnesses of crime which put them at added risk for violence and re-victimization. Our daily capacity room and board capacity is 32 mothers and children. Since our opening, ALPHA House of Pinellas County has served over 5,000 pregnant women, teens, new mothers and infants. We anticipate that these security enhancements will allow us to serve another 5,000 pregnant women, teens, new mothers, and infants into the future. Our security request is desperately needed and offers a long-lasting and far-reaching investment in the long-term health and well-being of some of our most vulnerable members of society - abused mothers and babies.

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

We will be preventing the potential re-victimization of women and preventing the cycle of trauma and intergenerational poverty that plagues our society. We will also be supporting the universal need to feel safe and to have a secure home that directly ties into the positive mental health and healing that is crucial for our victims of human trafficking to overcome in order to successfully begin to navigate motherhood and life. We will measure the success of this project by collecting pre and post survey data from the mothers in our program to assess their feeling of safety and security within our property and we will track any attempts to circumvent our building's security system. The expected benefit to our community will be the immediate creation of a "safe place" for pregnant teens and women and their babies who are victims of human trafficking.

##### 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?

Should ALPHA House of Pinellas County not be able to meet deliverables or performance measures the contracting agency may want to consider not funding the organization for additional requests. ALPHA House of Pinellas County is confident in our capacity to meet the proposed scope of work.



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12. **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.**

Alpha House of Pinellas, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, owns the property and will be the recipient of the funds.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.