



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1414

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

4. **Project/Program Description**
- After 38 years of providing safe shelter to homeless mothers with young children in Hillsborough County, Dawning Family Services (formerly Alpha House of Tampa) is stepping up efforts to serve the critical need that exists in our community to provide housing stability for all disenfranchised families with minor children. That involves: 1) increasing the number of our emergency shelter units from 39 to 61; 2) expanding the homeless population we serve to include a broader range of families with children; and 3) launching a new prevention program to provide basic needs and essential supports, such as health care, food, and income supports, to families at high risk of becoming homeless. In other words, our newly expanded services will include both residential (emergency shelter) and non-residential services (comprehensive services center). These strategies meet criteria established by the federal government as effective programs for ending homelessness for families with children.

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="500,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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="500000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="20.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
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="2,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="79"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2,525,000	100 %

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	To offset costs associated with the construction of a new 61-unit emergency shelter for families with minor children (Family Bridge Housing)	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this funding request is to offset costs associated with the construction of Hillsborough County's new 61-unit low-barrier emergency shelter for families with minor children (Family Bridge Housing) and the renovation/rehabilitation costs of two existing buildings that will be used for programmatic and administrative activities (Family Welcome Center and Family Solutions Center). The total expense for the Family Housing Solutions Center which includes three buildings: Family Bridge Housing, Family Welcome Center, and Family Solutions Center is expected to be \$9.5 million. To date, Dawning Family Services has secured nearly \$3 million from Hillsborough County, foundations, and private individual awards and pledges.

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

The activities to be provided by these funds include a portion of the construction of the 61-unit low-barrier emergency shelter for homeless families with minor children (Family Bridge Housing). Some of the proposed activities include the purchase and installation of concrete, masonry, steel, woods and plastics, thermal barriers, doors and windows, finishes, and conveyance systems.

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

Direct services provided to citizens by the Family Housing Solutions Center include: 1) Low-barrier bridge housing emergency shelter for families with minor children; 2) Intensive case management incorporating principles of trauma-informed care; 3) Housing search and placement assistance; 4) Income improvement, including employment and/or qualifying government assistance; 5) Financial assistance (in the form of cash benefits and rent and utilities) to help families move into permanent housing as quickly as possible; 6) Post-shelter supportive services to ensure stability once permanently housed; 7) Prevention and diversion services as alternatives to the trauma of entering the homeless shelter system or staying in a place not meant for human habitation; and 8) "Warm referrals" to onsite community partners in their areas of expertise. Dawning Family Services subscribes to the best-evidence model of Housing First and utilizes Rapid Rehousing programs to end a family's homelessness.

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

There are two distinct populations served by the overall project, the Family Housing Solutions Center. For the residential emergency shelter (Family Bridge Housing), the target population is families with minor children who are "literally homeless" as defined by HUD. "Literally homeless" means lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (ie-not meant for human habitation, like dilapidated buildings, on the streets, in cars, or shelter). For non-residential services, the target population is families with minor children who are struggling, unstably housed, staying in motels, and at risk of homelessness. In a typical calendar year, the completed project will serve 244 families via emergency shelter (976 people: about 376 adults/600 children) and 300 families through non-residential services (1200 people: 468 adults/732 children). In total 2176 lives will be positively impacted annually by safe, secure shelter or services to prevent homelessness in the first instance.

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

From a capital perspective, the outcome of this project is that a significant portion of the 61-unit low-barrier emergency shelter for families with minor children (Family Bridge Housing) will be constructed. Programmatically, the expected outcomes of the overall Family Housing Solutions Center are: 1) 60% of families seeking emergency shelter will be diverted from entering the homeless system; 2) 75% of families sheltered will exit to permanent housing; and 3) 75% of households have increased total income between shelter entry and exit. We use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) software and multiple databases directed by government funders to produce reports on outcome achievement and data quality.

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?

If Dawning Family Services (DFS) does not meet the deliverables provided for in the contract, DFS will forfeit the funds.



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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.**

N/A

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.