



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1870

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Casa Valentina addresses the abrupt transition from foster care to independent living, by filling in the gaps in external support. We provide safe and affordable housing, and intensive wrap-around services to youth who have aged out of the foster care system and who are at risk of homelessness. We want to extend the life-skills based programming that we do to include youth who are not in our residential program. Staff will provide support services to 13-23 year olds on the cusp of transitioning out of foster care and/or who are otherwise at risk.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	175,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	175,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	175,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	175,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Overseeing program fidelity; providing supervision to the Program Director; attending internal meetings.	21,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits (FICA, health insurance) for 1 Program Director, and 2 Program Coordinators. The Program Director will serve as liaison between direct service staff and management, as well as provide supervision to two Program Coordinators. Program Coordinators who will be responsible for delivering life skills workshops.	154,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,000

12. Program Performance

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

This extension of our life skills programming is not a pilot program. Over the last three years, Miami-Dade County has supported our work through the CBO Grant. We are looking to scale our current county-wide programming because of the necessity for such services. Because of our success in Miami-Dade, we know that these services would be critical for youth in helping them to achieve and to maintain self-sufficiency, to improve their economic prospects as they obtain and maintain employment, and learn how to manage their finances.

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

The participants will engage in Individual Life Coaching sessions and Life Skills group meetings regularly. All sessions will focus on the five pillars to a successful transition to self-sufficiency. Education, Employment, Money Management, Self-Care and household maintenance activities will be tailored to the participants individual needs.

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

Whether in a classroom, at one of our non-profit partners, or a DCF approved placement facility, Casa Valentina proposes extending life skills services to any youth in the child welfare system of care. They will participate in life skills group meetings and life coaching sessions lasting one to two hours.

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

We will be working with economically disadvantaged youth who are considered at-risk of homelessness, as well as youth in high school. We anticipate serving between 400 - 800 youth.

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



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be measured?

We anticipate that youth will improve the quality of education; enhance their specific economic self-sufficiency; and improve in other key areas of general life skills in order to support them as they grow.

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 the contract?

The department's standard contract requirements are adequate.

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number