



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1127

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

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 opportunities to high special needs homeless women and youth, helping them learn, grow, thrive and lead lives of greater opportunity for themselves and their families.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	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 2022-2023	200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	100,000	100,000	125	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

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?**

Yes

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



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FEMA's Emergency food and shelter program has allocated an additional \$12,275, for the purchase of PPE items only.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Wages and Benefits for Program Director; Education and Employment Director; Education and Employment Coordinator, Culinary Educational Teacher; Culinary Educational Director; On-site client job training internships	145,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Materials and Supplies - uniforms, licenses, school supplies, office supplies etc.	55,000
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)		200,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal 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 opportunities to high special needs homeless women and youth, helping them learn, grow, thrive and lead lives of greater opportunity for themselves and their families.

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

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search, workforce development skills, access to technology and more.

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

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search, workforce development skills, access to technology and more.

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

All program clients are high special needs homeless women/youth and children, 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
 Victims of crime



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

Create specific immediate job opportunities: 30 Homeless women/female youth will receive paid/unpaid employment internships; 74 Homeless women/female youth will obtain employment or increase employment income by program exit.

Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency and improve quality of education: 170 homeless women/female youth will participate in 75% (3 of 4) of the following benchmarks, one on one education support counseling and assistance in applying for education completion and/or training; participate in life skills group or individual program/training; receive one on one employment coaching; access to computers and computer instruction when needed.

Additional benefits/outcomes: 170 homeless women/female youth will participate in 50% (2 of 4) of the following benchmarks, complete Casey Life Skills Assessment; complete a professional resume; participate in a job search workshop; provided with work clothing, shoes and accessories.

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?

No payment if deliverables are not met.

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.

Not applicable



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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