



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1550

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Miracles Outreach has provided service and care to children in the Tampa Bay area for over 20 years. Our mission remains dedicated to providing a safe and secure family group home environment to girls ages 12-17. Miracles Outreach is requesting funds to provide safe infrastructure enhancements to the group home facility to protect the youth in our care. Miracles Fresh Start Ranch program provides residential placement and services for young girls ages 12 to 17. A residential program known as the Fresh Start serves a maximum of 50 youth at any given time, across three locations in Pinellas and Hillsborough County. Our largest location, the Fresh Start Ranch, can accommodate up to 32 girls. Most of these youth have a history of high-risk behaviors and factors that make them excessively vulnerable. Some of these factors include multiple placements, trafficking, domestic violence, sexual or physical abuse, and frequent elopements.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

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)	150,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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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Yes

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

PPP -\$136,000.00 for salaries

**11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Part-time Security	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Software Upgrades, Security Lighting, Security fence, Security gate, doors, windows, cameras, and various security enchantments	130,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Cybersecurity Audit	5,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The funds will help to increase security measures to protect vulnerable youth in their Fresh Start Ranch program.

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

Additional outdoor lighting will be provided at our 70-acre ranch to help with added security. Miracles Outreach will also hire a part-time security officer to help with 24-hour security at the Ranch. As well as, installing a security gate so nobody can access the property with permission, upgraded cameras, and door locks. Overhaul our cybersecurity system. Finally, install fencing around exposed and unsecured areas.

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

Miracles Outreach is a girls group home serving at-risk youth between the ages of 12-17 years old. As a result, we work with DCF to serve the most high-risk girls in our state. These funds will make sure our girls have a safe environment to live in. As a home for trafficking victims, we deal with a unique population. As a result, we have had incidents of traffickers showing up and trying to lure girls back into the industry. For example, around the time of the Super Bowl in Tampa, a girl was placed with us who was still in contact with her trafficker. She used the days she was with us to try and convince other girls in the home to run. One night this almost became a reality, as a trafficker arrived late to pick up the girls she had recruited. Staff did intervene and thwarted the situation. But without a gate or security on our property we are nervous this may happen again. Especially around any large-scale events.

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

Miracles Outreach expects to serve up to 75 at-risk youth (girls) in foster care between the ages of 12-17.

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



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The expected outcome is the reduction of security incidents such as elopements and unauthorized visitors.

**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?**

Repayment of funds.

**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