



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1701

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Due to a shortage of facilities and beds that serve women, primarily veterans, Phoenix Programs of Florida, Inc. (Phoenix House Florida) is requesting funding for the general start-up costs of a new 20 bed Residential Drug Rehabilitation Facility focused on women veterans along with women throughout the community. The facility includes 20 individualized private rooms, group counseling spaces, individual counseling offices, patient lounge with full kitchen, staff lounge, family visitation area to include a playground for children, activity center, medical services office, staff offices, and vocational center to name a few features. The additional 20 residential treatment beds would enable Phoenix House Florida to provide 90-day programming to 80 women each year, empowering them on their path to recovery.

- 5. State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	900,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>900,000</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)	900,000	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>900,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

- 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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No

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

N/A - new project

**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	Staffing costs make up a significant portion of the operating costs of any facility that provides direct care to individuals, and our 20-bed residential facility would be no different. Operational costs for staff include, but is not limited to, case management, clinicians, behavioral health technicians, wellness peer specialists, drivers, and clinical director. The number of staff would depend on the facility occupancy and the acuteness of the patients' conditions.	250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational costs to start up this inpatient facility, including medications, food, toiletries, clothing/linens, utilities, beds and furniture for patients, tables, chairs, telephone equipment, group room furniture, cafeteria furniture and equipment, gym equipment, etc. The vocational center will also require desks, chairs, computers, a printer, basic office supplies, etc.	650,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>900,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The purpose of this project is to address the unprecedented increase in substance use disorders (SUD) that has occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hillsborough County has experienced the highest number of overdose deaths ever recorded (37% increase) surpassing the vast majority of other communities throughout the state. There is a great need for a residential SUD treatment program for Women within our county and we would like to lead this vital programming and mission.

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

With the support from the State of Florida Legislature, Phoenix House Florida will be able to afford the start-up operational costs of a 20-bed residential rehabilitation facility serving our women Veterans and our community. With this facility, Phoenix House Florida will offer evidence-based and medication-assisted treatment to female patients within Hillsborough County, which has been hit the hardest by the opioid epidemic which took over 2,000 lives in our county in 2019.

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



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Medication-assisted treatment, assessment, therapy, and case management providing access to care for female patients suffering from SUD. This facility will enable patients vital access to a continuum of care, mental health and substance abuse, peer support, supportive housing, family involvement and provide resources to the community.

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

The target population includes Veteran women and women with poor mental health who struggle from SUD. These women are usually also in poor physical health, economically disadvantaged, at-risk, homeless and/or currently/formerly incarcerated, and victims of domestic violence. The start-up funds for this facility will increase capacity to 80 women per year.

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

The expected outcome of this project is the improvement of mental health and drug addiction to women Veterans and women who need increased access to timely integrated behavioral health and medication-assisted treatment; regain behavioral, physical and emotional health. Additionally upon completion of the program, leave with employment opportunities and supportive housing options that will support and promote her growth in recovery.

**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?**

Return 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.**

Phoenix Programs of Florida, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. As a corporate entity, it has no individual owners.



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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