



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1833

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will enable the Sexual Violence Legal Services Program to continue providing direct and free civil legal services to victims of sexual violence. Our team focuses on providing comprehensive and confidential legal services while victims and survivors focus on their emotional health and well-being with support from certified sexual assault programs.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	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?

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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for Director of Finance and Accounting, whose time on this project is strictly administrative. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require allocations to be appropriate and reasonable. At a 5% allocation of time, salary and associated benefits.	4,875
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General office printing/year x 0.05 FTE (Director of Finance and Accounting share)	200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Annual cost of required financial audit x .15 FTE; National Legal Aid and Defenders Association membership; business owners and Directors & Officers liability insurance x .15 FTE	5,125
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries: Associate Director/General Counsel @ 20%, Supervising Attorney @ 100%, Paralegal @ 100%, Pro Bono Services Coordinator @ 100% (.75 FTE), and Executive Director (LCSW) @ 0.025 = \$170,520 + Benefits (FICA, Workers Comp, Unemployment Comp, Retirement, and Dental, Life, and Health Insurance = \$41,603. Executive Director, LCSW, provides clinical consultation to legal project.	212,123
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, postage & shipping, legal services brochures, general office printing (legal services share), Bar dues, court and document fees, legal staff travel (project is statewide), attorneys liability/malpractice insurance, Internet service (legal only), communications, cell phones. Legal Services office rent, utilities.	72,472
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Translation/interpretation services; legal case management system; website (legal services project costs only); network administration, postage meter lease, copier lease/maintenance, janitorial.	5,205
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV) will provide comprehensive legal assistance for victims of sexual violence throughout the state in civil legal matters. Comprehensive and confidential legal services will be available to victims of sexual violence in such areas as privacy protections, education proceedings, landlord-tenant relations, employment, health care, public benefits, victim compensation, administrative proceedings, and the rights of victims in criminal proceedings (Marsy's Law).

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

1. Provide a broad range of legal representation to victims of sexual assault; 2. Address the legal needs of sexual violence victims statewide and the sexual assault programs that serve them; 3. Expand the capacity of legal service/legal aid programs and the network of pro bono volunteers statewide to provide quality legal assistance to victims of sexual violence in order to ensure access to services beyond the life of this project.; 4. Develop, produce and disseminate resources on the legal needs of, and providing quality legal assistance to, victims of sexual violence.

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



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No-cost civil legal services will be available to victims of sexual violence in exercising their rights in criminal proceedings under Marsy's Law, in addition to privacy protections, education proceedings, landlord-tenant relations, employment, health care, public benefits, victim compensation, and administrative proceedings.

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

These statewide services will be available to residents and visitors/tourists of the state of Florida who have been victims of sexual violence. The program has seen an increased number of victims served over the last three years, with 275 victims served in FY 2020-21; the program is anticipated to serve between 300-400 victims in FY 2022-23, and increase as awareness of the program continues to expand.

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

Victims of sexual violence will receive assistance in enforcing their rights in criminal cases, housing, employment, and educational protections, injunctions for protection, and other forms of relief that will help them seek additional therapeutic services. These services will provide them an opportunity to maintain safe standards of living which will enhance their quality of life and improve their educational and economic opportunities.

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.

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