



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1914

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Providing access to legal resources and services to an under served population; those with limited resources. The program will assist this demographic with all non-criminal matters, from filing pleadings or responses to assistance at trial or administrative matters.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	250,000	1300A	No

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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We received a CARES grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from Orange County Government to provide landlord-tenant/ eviction legal assistance to underserved individuals. The funds were used to pay the attorneys and purchase supplies.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Supervises contract attorneys and paralegals in the execution of their duties; Reviews and assigns pro bono cases to attorneys based on case type and attorney workload; carries out legal actions in accordance with grant. Attends community events/legal forums.	45,500
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two attorneys, 2 legal assistants/paralegal - maintain case load, client support, drafting pleadings, attending hearings, handling cases from intake to trial or settlement	154,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, telephone, supplies, marketing, CLE training, software, court administrative fees and costs, training	44,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting.Auditing	6,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

Providing access to legal resources and services to an under served population; those with limited resources. The program will assist this demographic with all non-criminal matters, from filing pleadings or responses to assistance at trial or administrative matters.

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

Community based initiatives, bringing attorneys and resources to the under served communities, providing panels and discussion forums to educate and inform residents, offering flexible schedules to ensure persons of varying needs are accommodated, offering multiple access point via social media, video/teleconference and in person support. Assisting with existing or pending litigation, and drafting.

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

The attorneys and staff will provide legal services to the citizens assisting them in all legal matters within the scope of the program at no cost to them. Offering counseling and by a trained attorney in the practice of law. Citizens will have an advocate for their pending matter and access to the services and resources of the organization.

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

201-400
Elderly persons, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, University/College students

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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Improved mental health: Assisting with a stressful and difficult legal matter with a skilled advocate. Based on the deliverable of clients touched and matters resolved.
Improve quality of education: We utilize and train 3 year law students to engage and equipping with skills in advocating for their clients while promoting a desire for pro-bono services to aid and support the under served. Deliverable that reflects the use of 3L law students and training through clinic and on site application.

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?

Funds are forfeited or returned, in-extreme instances additional monetary penalty may be placed and funds must be paid to the contracting agency.

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.

None



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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