



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2183

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Empowered To Change Safe Housing Program delivers a 7-month structured comprehensive program that supports sustainable life-changing support through employment, education, and trauma counseling services while living in a home free of all narcotics, alcohol, or abuse. The program has seven years of serving those who suffer from addiction, are aging out of foster care, are homeless, and/or are survivors of human trafficking.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	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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The organization received two PPP loans, totaling \$142,928.50, in order to remain in business. Both loans were completely forgiven.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director and Project Head	40,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	2 computers, printers, ink, and licenses	6,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Media/video/contracted services	15,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Supervisor, case mentors, and data integrity rep.	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	House rentals, utilities, and furniture for one year/transport vehicle	254,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Research and project consultant	60,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to deliver safe housing, employment, education, life skills, accountability, and trauma therapy so that broken individuals have the tools to heal and change their lives.

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

Psych/social evaluation, specific independent living plan (ILP) goal for each individual, employment coaching and placement, educational support, life skills and coaching, and trauma therapy.

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

Safe house to live in, trauma therapy, life skills, employment/job readiness, GED/college guidance, accountability, and life coaching.

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

The target population is the vulnerable in the communities who age out of foster care as they are prime targets for human trafficking, survivors of the sex trade, and individuals who suffer from addictions, homelessness, and mental health.

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

Provide safe housing ie: zero tolerance for illegal drug activity or violence. 75 current bed space for 18 years of age and up to receive an approximately 7 month program that teaches them to be gainfully employed, including 14-30 days of employment coaching until they are employed. 75 individuals receive life coaching, accountability, and random drug testing and house visits. 75-200 individuals have opportunity to divert from jail time relating to their trauma, ie; sex trafficking, addiction, or theft.

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?



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Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

- 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