



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2780

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

One Hope United has been providing child welfare services in Florida for 20 years. During this time, we've seen the need – and demand – for behavioral health services grow exponentially. At the same time, the traumatic experiences our children, youth and families face have also evolved tremendously beyond abuse and neglect at home to a broader population encountering a rise of violence in our schools.

With appropriations funding for FY23, One Hope United proposes to expand access to behavioral health services for our own clients and those of other agencies serving the needs of those involved in the child welfare system. We will accomplish this by hiring additional therapists, increasing available training opportunities, and addressing transportation barriers.

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	990,840
Fixed Capital Outlay	30,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,020,840

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)	1,020,840	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	1,020,840	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?



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Yes

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

One Hope United received a \$7.4M PPP loan which has been used to support operations and fund employee incentives, including a retirement plan contribution and bonus.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for: Clinical Supervisor- \$81,250 Clinical Director- \$23,438 Therapists- \$500,000 Family Support Worker- \$67,500 Administrative Assistant- \$43,756	715,945
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Psychiatrist- \$13,800 Copier- \$1,000 Cell Phone- \$4,800 License- \$24,000 Training- \$24,000 Travel Mileage- \$28,800 Occupancy Costs- \$31,232 Auto Maint & Repair- \$10,800 Liability & Auto Insurance- \$7,500 Supplies & Other- \$5,000 Admin- \$123,963	304,895
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,020,840

12. Program Performance

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

The funds would be utilized to increase capacity within One Hope United's Behavioral Health Services, which is designed to work in tandem with the agencies foster care case management teams. According to the United States Bureau for American Children and Families (ACF), majority of hotline calls are related to neglect, approximately 70%. Neglect comes in a variety of forms from medical, educational, environmental, etc. Caregivers failing to provide or ensure children have access to resources that promote their safety and well-being typically is a result on poverty, domestic violence and mental health issues in the home.

When families enter the child welfare system there are generally two main services that the family must comply with in order for children to successfully remain in the home or be returned home. These two services are legal case management and behavioral health services. One Hope United currently provides case management services to 800 children in Circuit 10.



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

The primary activity would be recruiting and hiring qualified mental health professionals. There continues to be disparities in mental health treatment for vulnerable children and families. These disparities lead to several expensive outcomes for communities. For example, increased hospitalizations, use of emergency rooms for mental health crises, children removed and placed in foster care, criminal activity, difficulties to being economically self-sufficient. Constructing a behavioral health program with solid well trained candidates are the building blocks of a successful program. Training and retaining qualified staff would be secondary activities in this process. As the demand for behavioral health services have increased, recruiting and retaining qualified professionals is a challenge to sustaining a strong treatment model. With the appropriate funds, competitive salaries and benefits could be offered to potential candidates that would increase the capacity of the program.

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

Behavioral Health services would be provided directly to the citizens by this appropriations project. This will be accomplished through hiring and training 8 therapists. These therapists will be managed by a Licensed Clinical Supervisor and Clinical Director with expertise in evidenced based substance abuse, mental health assessment and treatment. The 8 therapists would participate in a rigorous training plan that would include Motivational Interviewing which is an approved modality by the Family First Prevention Services Act. In addition, all therapists would be required to take the necessary training and steps to become certified in addiction counseling through the Florida Certification Board. With these trainings the citizens will be receiving enhanced mental health and addiction services that leads to overall better outcomes. Evidence-based practice in addiction treatment ensures that clients receive the most effective care possible while improving treatment outcomes.

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

The target population are children and caregivers who enter the children welfare system. These families would be connected to One Hope United's current case management program. By connecting these families immediately to the trained therapists they would have immediate support to address their needs that are identified by the system and more efficiently navigate the dual systems that are important to their success.

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

1. Improved physical health. Measured by: Record review, Client self-report, Reports from caregivers.
2. Improved mental health. Measured by: PQH-9 to measure depression, Rosenberg self-esteem scale, Trauma Symptom checklist for Children/Small children, Beck anxiety inventory.
3. Enhanced specific individual's economic self sufficiency. Measured by: Self-report from client, Employment baseline and exit at counseling.
4. Reduced recidivism. Measured by: FSFN reports on re-entry.
5. Reduced substance abuse. Measured by: Record review-obtaining evaluations from treatment providers and ensuring follow through with recommendations, Client self-report.
6. Diversion from criminal/juvenile justice system. Measured by: At exit from program, was there DOC or DJJ involvement.

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?

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.

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