



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1622

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

HOPE Broward will serve foster teens who will age out in state care, as well as the child welfare community that supports them. Youth develop personal goals, individualized action plans, life skills, and gain access to community supports and resources for their transition from the dependency system and to adulthood. HOPE is designed to empower youth aging out of foster care by increasing the connection and community they require to become self-sufficient, successful and independent adults.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	351,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	351,500

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	351,500	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	21%
Other	215,000	30%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	716,500	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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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	HOPE Project Director salary: \$90,000; benefits: \$22,500; HOPE Project Assistant Director salary: \$80,000; benefits: \$20,000; HOPE Court TIL Navigators (x 2) salaries: \$50,000 x 2 = \$100,000; Benefits: \$25,000.	337,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Website and Technology: \$3300; Program Supplies: \$6000; Youth Incentives: \$2000; Professional Trainings/Certifications: \$2700	14,000
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)		351,500

14. Program Performance

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



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

HOPE Court will provide a specialized problem solving court as well as transitional independent living supportive youth planning circles to foster youth aging out of state care, quarterly restorative practices and effective communication skills trainings for system of care professionals, and training plus consulting for judicial officers.

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

HOPE Court will lead a specialized problem-solving court as well as three prongs of service to the child welfare community: transitional independent living planning completed restoratively through supportive youth circles with child welfare teams, effective communication skills trainings for system of care professionals and restorative based, trauma informed legal consulting for judicial officers.

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

The target population is: Persons with poor mental health, Jobless persons, Economically disadvantaged persons, At-risk youth, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, drug users, high school students, current or former incarcerated persons, victims of crime and child welfare system professionals and members of judiciary. 101-200 individuals are expected to be served.

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

1. Improve physical health: Minimum of 80% of participants will improve their overall physical health through their ability to identify and access available community supports, resources and services.
 2. Improve mental health: Minimum of 80% of participants will improve their overall mental health through their ability to identify and access available community supports, resources and services.
 3. Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency: Minimum of 80% of participants will improve their overall economic self sufficiency through their ability to identify and access available community supports, resources and services.
 4. Improved service delivery: Minimum of 80% of participants will improve their overall professional service delivery through the successful completion of program training and linkage to experiential supports.
- All outcomes will be measured through participant's responses to program assessments.

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 unused funds.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number