



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1539

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The program will support survivors of exploitation and human trafficking by addressing their emotional, psychological, and practical needs. By providing trauma-focused mental health care and practical tools to help survivors heal, rebuild their lives, and reintegrate into their communities. Designed for adults, including mothers and their children, the program offers individual and group therapy to help survivors process their experiences, build resilience, and learn coping strategies. Mothers receive parenting support and participate in family-focused activities to strengthen bonds and create stability for their children. Also includes workshops on essential life skills, such as financial management, stress reduction, and job readiness, helping survivors move toward independence. Collaborations with local organizations connect participants to housing, education, and job training. It aims to empower survivors and their families to heal, grow and successfully reintegrate into society.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (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 2025-2026	500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24		286,220	315	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	2 Licensed Mental Health Counselors to provide trauma-informed individual and group therapy sessions. Salary-\$42,308 plus 30% fringe \$12,692=\$55,000	110,000
Other Salary and Benefits	2 Case Managers Salaries for case managers to offer trauma-informed individualized wrap-around services and resource connections. Salary 27,000 fringe 30% 9000= \$30,000	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Healthy meals:\$10,000 Grocery assistance for survivors and families \$500/month/7 survivors=\$42,000	52,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Physical Health Care: Medical checkups and preventive care, medicines-\$17,500 Wellness programs: exercise and stress management, Membership fees-\$17,500 Nutrition and Food Assistance workshops-\$5,000	40,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	2 Support Staff: Salary: \$21,000 30% fringe 6,300=\$27,300	54,600
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, copier lease, utilities, and technology to support the program's operations: \$50,000 Transportation for survivors and their families-\$20,000 Community Awareness Marketing and Outreach: \$28,400 Public events, campaigns, and materials to educate the community.	98,400



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Childcare - \$10,000 Interpersonal Skills Training - \$25,000 Financial literacy, job readiness, and independent living skills classes. Family Support Services - \$50,000 Family counseling sessions and parenting workshops. Activities to strengthen family bonds	85,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Project's goal is to offer tailored mental health support to help survivors of exploitation to recover emotionally and rebuild their lives.

Individual Therapy: Survivors receive one-on-one counseling to process trauma, reduce anxiety and depression, and build coping skills.

Group Therapy: Survivors connect with others in supportive group sessions to reduce isolation and foster a sense of community.

Creative and Alternative Therapies: Survivors can participate in equine therapy, sound baths, and art and music therapy to express emotions, reduce stress, and promote healing in unique and meaningful ways.

Family Counseling: Mothers and children participate in sessions to rebuild trust, improve communication, and create a stable home environment.

Ongoing Emotional Support: Survivors receive regular check-ins and crisis support to navigate challenges and build resilience.

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

Each survivor will have a case manager to create and follow a plan tailored to their individual needs and goals. Survivors will be connected to resources like housing, healthcare, education, and job opportunities.

Mental Health Services: One-on-One Counseling: Private sessions to help survivors heal emotionally and develop healthy coping skills. Group Support: Safe spaces where survivors can connect with others and share their experiences. Creative Healing Activities: Programs such as equine therapy, sound baths, and art and music therapy to help survivors relax, express emotions, and recover.

Family Support: Counseling for mothers and children to rebuild trust and strengthen their relationships. Parenting workshops to help mothers create stable and supportive homes. Life Skills Training: to teach survivors practical skills like managing money, preparing for jobs, and handling stress. Support for continuing education and career planning. Community Partnerships to expand resources.

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

Direct Services will include but not be limited to

Survivor Support: individualized service-centered case management, life skills training, medical assistance, mental health therapy, education assistance, and emergency assistance.

Youth Education: An updated app and outreach to teach children about trafficking prevention.

Community Awareness: Campaigns, events, and partnerships to educate and engage the public.

Enhanced Services: Training for staff and expanded access through additional hires.

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

Target Population:
 Survivors of human trafficking and exploitation, including mothers and their children.
 Community members and stakeholders, including schools, healthcare providers, and local organizations, to raise awareness and foster advocacy.

Expected Reach:
 Survivors: Approximately 120 individuals, including direct support for mothers and children.
 Youth: 500+ children educated through the updated app and outreach efforts.
 Community Members: 1,000+ individuals engaged through awareness campaigns, events, and partnerships.
 This project aims to serve over 1,620 individuals directly and indirectly, creating a w

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



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be measured?

Expected Benefits/Outcomes:
 Empower survivors with life skills, stable housing, and economic independence.
 Educate youth on trafficking prevention through an updated app and outreach.
 Raise community awareness through events and partnerships.
 Enhance organizational capacity with expanded staff and improved training.
 Measurement Methodology:
 Track survivor outcomes (e.g., housing, employment, and program participation).
 Measure outreach impact via event attendance and campaign reach.
 Evaluate staff performance and client satisfaction.
 Success will be assessed through data and feedback from participants and partners.

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 in the contract?

If the agency fails to meet deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract, the following penalties may be considered:
 Withhold Funding: Delay or reduce payments until deliverables are met.
 Corrective Action Plans: Require a plan to address deficiencies.
 Activity Suspension: Pause program components until compliance.
 Reimbursement: Recover funds for unmet deliverables.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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No

No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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