

LFIR # 1606

- 1. Project Title More Too Life: Services For Sex Trafficking Victims
- 2. Senate Sponsor Danny Burgess
- **3. Date of Request** 2/17/2025

### 4. Project/Program Description

More Too Life (MTL) is an anti-human trafficking organization providing direct services to victims of human exploitation in Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Miami-Dade counties. The organization was founded over 19 years ago and aims to offer effective services, programs, and resources that educate and empower victims of human exploitation/trafficking. The requested funding will increase service delivery to meet this growing demand and increase MTL's ability for coordination throughout the state to meet the complex needs of this population.

#### 5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	610,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	610,000

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)	610,000	52%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	560,000	48%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	0	0%	
Other	0	0%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,170,000	100%	

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

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
2024-25	0	565,646		No	

#### 9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes	
610.00	0

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

# b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

More Too Life currently has a federal grant through the Department of Justice, guaranteed through September 2025. More Too Life will continue applying for these federal grants as applications become available. More too Life takes an active approach to seeking out funding from other funding sources.



# **Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**

10. Statu	s of Constr	uction				
a. Wh	at is the cu	rrent phase of t	he project?			
OP	Planning	🔵 Design	Construction	🔘 N/A		
b. Is t	he project "	shovel ready" (	i.e permitted)?			
c. Wh	at is the est	imated start da	te of construction?			
d. Wh	at is the est	timated complet	tion date of construe	ction?		
e. Wh	at funding s	stream will be u	sed for ongoing ope	erations a	nd maintenance of	i 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	Salary and benefits for 1 Executive Director./ Program Coordinator	49,059
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for 1 Victim Service Contract Specialist	55,264
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Data Analysist, Grant Management Consultant	30,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits Salaries and benefits for support/front line staff in areas of Law Enforcement, Training and Education, and Mental Health		365,788
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Operational Expenses to support delivery of victim services. Other Costs, Office supplies, Travel, Training/Conferences, Equipment costs.	109,889
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	610,000

# 13. Program Performance

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



Expand services to children, youth, and young adult victims of sex trafficking. This request supports additional staff to meet critical unmet needs in the service area including coordination with law enforcement/judicial system, employment of survivors of human trafficking, mental/behavioral health, digital advocacy & training to community-based organizations on best practices to serve this population. The request also supports unmet needs of victims of human trafficking within the services area.

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

MTL will provide victim advocacy, specific to criminal justice investigations of alleged traffickers, mentoring, and education for victims in the justice system. MTL will provide survivor-informed training to case managers and stakeholders who work with victims in trauma-informed settings. MTL will address victims' mental health needs resulting from sex trafficking & support victim identification.

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

Provides advocacy with law enforcement, mentoring and therapeutic services to victims of sex trafficking, along with support in victim identification. Training Program will provide educational and informative sessions on best-practices and trauma-informed approaches to case managers and other stakeholders who have direct interactions with children, youth and young adults who have been trafficked.

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

The primary population served will be victims of Human Trafficking, youth serving organizations, persons with poor mental health and physical health, school aged students, jobless persons, at risk youth, homeless, economically disadvantaged persons, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders in criminal justice, victims of crime. 200-400 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?

Using several proven processes for tracking, monitoring, measuring and reporting performance outcomes, More Too Life will report the number of exploited and trafficked victims identified and referred. MTL will track and report on the number of victims receiving services, the types of services received by victims, and the demographic information on those being served. Primary benefits of this project include improving victims' physical and mental health, improving victims' economic self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, and preventing victims from entering criminal and juvenile justice systems.

# 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?

Repayment of funds will be made to the state if the organization, More Too Life Inc, fails to meet the deliverables or performance measure criteria in the contract.

#### 14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

#### 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 infastructure)

#### 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



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# 🗆 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

🗆 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**

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#### **18. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization

Living Above The Noise, DBA More Too Life

**b. Municipality and County** Statewide

Inc

# c. Organization Type

□For Profit Entity

☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity

□University or College

□Other (please specify)



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