



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1607

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific purpose of the requested funding is to provide adult and/or emancipated minors who are survivors of human (sex and/or labor) trafficking with emergency housing (in the form of hotels), transitional housing up to 12 months, and access to wrap around services, such as legal aid, dental care, internal medical care, behavioral healthcare, education, childcare, and job training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,085,398
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,085,398

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)	1,085,398	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	316,000	22%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	46,500	3%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,447,898	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	765,716	1354	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Our agency is seeking U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crimes (OVC) funding as well as funding from other local grants, foundation grants and community donations.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	The program budget will allocate 20% of the Finance Director's salary and fringe benefits, totaling \$20,073.73. Additionally, the budget will cover 100% of the cost for a full-time bookkeeper at \$21 per hour, amounting to \$56,110.	76,184
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	The program budget will allocate 100% of the Program Manager's salary and fringe benefits, totaling \$73,385. Additionally, the budget will cover 100% of the cost for the Victim Advocate amounting to \$66,009. These two positions are crucial to the successful implementation and operation of the program.	139,394
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Emergency Hotel for 7-nights for new/existing survivors, est. of 5 survivors per month, totaling \$63,000. - Car Svcs. for new/existing survivors, est. 45 rides per month, totaling \$17,820 - Internet Svc. for all 20 rental units for 12 months, totaling \$19,200. - Waste Disposal Svc. for all 20 rental units for 12 months, totaling \$1,680. - Software maintenance fee of \$300 for 12 months, totaling \$3,600. - Water/Sewage for all 20 rental units for 12 months, totaling \$12,000. - Electricity	197,800



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Rent for 20 units: \$1,500 X 12 months; \$360,000 Cleaning Services Company upon program exit: \$350/unit; \$7,000 Behavioral Health/Counseling: \$150 per session, est. 15 clients X 12 months; \$54,000 Education/Job Training for 11 survivors up to \$4,000/ survivor; \$44,000 Dental/Health care services for 14 survivors up to \$2,000/survivor; \$28,000 Legal Services at \$200/session; \$5,600 Locksmith Services: \$2,500 Child Care for 10 survivors: \$321 per week X 12 months; \$166,920 Moving Services \$4,000	672,020
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,085,398

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of obtaining funds provided by this grant is for United Way of Pasco County to be able to continue to provide survivors of human trafficking throughout the state of Florida services without interruption to current program clients and expand the program reach to keep up with the demand. The funds requested would be used to continue to provide housing and wrap around services such as intensive behavioral health therapy, legal assistance, childcare, healthcare, and dental care.

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

To execute this statewide initiative, our Case Work team will accept request for emergency hotel stays for no more than 7 nights, from law enforcement agencies and or anti-trafficking agencies throughout the state. Our agency will lease 1-3 bedroom housing units in the UWPC name. There will be at least one housing unit located in each of the following counties: Pasco, Pinellas, Hernando, and Hillsborough. These housing units will serve as safe and healthy living environments for up to 12 months. While trafficking clients and their dependents are being housed in our units, our Program Manager and Victims Advocate will offer counseling, case management, crisis intervention, and access to wrap around services.

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

Survivors of human trafficking require a variety of wrap around services in order to regain a healthy and self sufficient life. To assist our clients in our program, we will offer our clients access to many kinds of wrap around services. Our agency has a well established relationship with a dental clinic, legal aid, mental health therapist, and health clinics. We also partner with agencies that provide services such as education, job training and placement, substance abuse recovery, childcare and over 100 other direct services. Because the majority of our clients do not have their own transportation, we will provide our clients with access to public transportation through the use of bus passes and ride shares.

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

The target population served by this project are adult men, adult women, and emancipated minors in the State of Florida. The estimated number of individuals to receive services are 20 housing and full wrap-around services, 55 wrap-around services only and 75 emergency hotel only.

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



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Clients in our program have access to many benefits such as obtaining their GEDs, acquiring employment, crisis intervention, sobriety, healthcare, legal assistance, mental health therapy and safe stable housing. While clients are in the program, Case Workers check in with clients on a monthly basis at minimum. When clients exit the program the Case Workers will check in with clients once per month and will provide wrap around services for a minimum of 3 months and no more than 12 months after exiting the traditional housing program. Program has provided over 3,000 services to over 280 homeless survivors of human trafficking since April 2021. Since April, 2021, 38 survivors have received long term housing assistance from this program, which initially was only expected to house 8 survivors. Since June 2022, the program has provided over 170 7-day emergency hotel accommodations for homeless Human Trafficking survivors.

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?

As an agency that has managed multiple local, state, and federal grants we would do everything in our power to not have a penalty. However, should an event as such arise our agency would return the appropriate amount of funding.

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 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
- No
- No, but intends to apply

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



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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**

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.