



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2475

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Healing Sanctuary, a property co-owned by Kristi House and MUJER, provides a place for centralized, accessible services in a one-stop location for victims of violence and abuse in the growing Deep South Dade. Both partners will provide mental health treatment, advocacy services, and more to minor and adult victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking. In addition, there is ample space for partners who provide complementary services to co-locate on this property.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	45%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,200,000	55%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,200,000	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		1,000,000	332A	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.

Kristi House and MUJER are actively fundraising from private sources, including individuals, corporations and foundations.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

Both Kristi House and MUJER have diversified funding strategies that include dollars from federal, state and local government, as well as donations from individuals, corporations and private foundations.

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.

Kristi House - majority owner of the facility and the entity requesting the funds
 MUJER - minority owner of the property and partner of Kristi House

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	All of the funds will be used towards construction costs. The property consists of three buildings - one built in 1944 and two built in the 1960s - all of which require extensive renovations to create office space and to bring the spaces in compliance with all relevant codes.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Kristi House, Miami-Dade County's statutorily designated Children's Advocacy Center, and MUJER, a certified rape crisis program, will both provide wrap-around services, including evidence-based therapy, advocacy, and case coordination services for victims of abuse and trafficking. In addition, partner agencies will provide complementary services. These services are much needed in the Deep South of Dade County.

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

The facility will allow child victims of sexual abuse, trafficking, and other types of abuse to receive wrap-around services, including therapy and case coordination, in Deep South of Miami-Dade County, an under served part of the community. Adult victims of domestic violence and abuse also will be able to receive a variety of services, including therapy, medical exams, and legal assistance.

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

Child victims will be able to receive therapy, case coordination, advocacy, and emergency services in a child-friendly environment to minimize further trauma. Adult victims of domestic violence and sexual assault will be able to receive individual and family counseling, support groups, advocacy, and children's groups.

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

The target populations are child and adult victims of the crimes of abuse and trafficking in the Deep South of Dade County, including Homestead, Florida City, and unincorporated Naranja and Leisure City. These are areas of high poverty and crime, with few services in the area and limited transportation to get to services further north.

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

Kristi House specializes in treating children suffering abuse, neglect, and other forms of trauma while MUJER responds to adult victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Both organizations specialize in optimizing mental health, whether for children or adults. Outcomes can be tracked using evidence-based assessments, as well as through each organization's database. Client and caregiver surveys also are used to show increased engagement and improved mental health.

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?

Clawback of the appropriated funds.

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



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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

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.



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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.