



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3029

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Mama Hattie's House is a vital initiative by Girl Power Rocks, providing a safe and supportive home for girls aging out of foster care or at risk of human trafficking in Miami-Dade. Designed to break cycles of instability, Mama Hattie's House offers academic support, career readiness training, and mentorship to help young women transition successfully into adulthood. Girl Power Rocks has served over 2,000 girls since 2000, with proven success: 75% maintain or improve their GPA, 81% increase school attendance, 83% avoid re-suspension, and 85% show better in-school behavior. Mama Hattie's House will expand these life-changing opportunities, ensuring a brighter future for vulnerable girls.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	86,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	436,500

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)	436,500	4%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000,000	96%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	10,436,500	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Mama Hattie's House funding comes from a combination of public and private partnerships and individual donor contributions. This diverse funding ensures safe housing and resources for "at-promise" girls, reducing reliance on 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

02/01/2028

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance of Mama Hattie's House will be sustained through a mix of public and private funding. Additional funding will come from grants, philanthropy, and individual donations through Girl Power Rocks' donor network, and fundraising events.

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.

Girl Power Rocks Inc.

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	Construction Project Coordinator to oversee the operational aspects of the project, managing schedules, coordinating and tracking subcontractors and materials, cost compliance and communicating progress to CEO and stakeholders.	86,500
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	Architectual Design Services to include but not limited to programmatic spatial study, creation of conceptual drawings, renderings and basic site plan and design development including preliminary design drawings floor plans, elevations and 3D Renderings/Visualitazion of proposed design.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		436,500

13. Program Performance

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



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The primary goal of the Mama Hattie's House (MHH) appropriations request is to secure funding for Girl Power Rocks to cover essential costs related to the initial stages of construction. These costs include fees for architects, engineering services, attorneys' fees, and environmental remediation. In addition to these, the funding will also address other preliminary construction expenses such as site preparation, permits, and surveying.

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

Mama Hattie's House will create a safe for at-promise girls and young women. Funds will support pre-construction activities like architectural services, site planning, permitting, infrastructure planning, and program development. Once completed, Mama Hattie's House will provide academic support, career training, counseling, STEAM education, arts and music programs, fitness and wellness activities, and community partnerships, empowering residents to achieve long-term stability.

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

The Mama Hattie's House project will provide essential services to residents, including safe housing, academic support, career readiness programs, and counseling and wellness services. It will also offer STEAM education and music and arts programs to foster personal growth and skill development. Through community partnerships, Mama Hattie's House will connect residents to additional resources, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and achieve long-term stability.

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

Mama Hattie's House will serve middle and high school-aged "at-promise" girls, specifically those aging out of foster care or at risk of juvenile justice involvement. The initiative will support approximately 40 girls annually, offering a safe and supportive space where they can receive academic assistance, life skills development, and counseling. In addition to helping the girls, the facility will engage families through support programs and contribute to public safety by providing resources to prevent juvenile justice involvement and human trafficking.

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

Mama Hattie's House aims to provide a safe environment for "at-promise" girls, fostering social and emotional skill development. Short term goal include enhanced academic performance, increased self-confidence, and reduced risky behaviors. Long-term objectives focus on graduation, higher education, stable employment, and financial independence. Success will be measured through output data on program participation and outcome data on academic progress and long-term stability ensuring a thorough assessment of the project's impact.

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?

To ensure the effectiveness and integrity of these programs, the Mama Hatties House project will be subjected to the following penalties; 1. Withholding Payments (payments will be disbursed in phases, contingent upon the completion of deliverables and measurable progress. A portion of funding will be withheld until key performance indicators (KPIs) are met, ensuring responsible program implementation. 2. Performance-Based Reductions (If agreed-upon program goals, milestones.

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?



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- 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):

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



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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.