



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3142

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Samaritan Village's (SVI) Transitional Safehouse Program provides holistic and long-term healing to human trafficking survivors in Central Florida. This innovative program provides up to 3-5 years of support at 3 locations in Orlando. The program's multi-tiered, holistic, and trauma-informed care is survivor-centered and includes safe housing, therapy, clinical services, substance recovery, and independent living skill development focused on safe community reentry. This project will expand SVI's mental health services, including the addition of a full-time licensed therapist with specialization in trafficking and complex trauma.

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	321,570
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>321,570</b>

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)	321,570	46%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	7%
Other	328,107	47%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>699,677</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		

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.



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	1 full-time Case Manager, 1 full-time Lead Residential Direct Care Advocate, and 11 part-time Residential Direct Care Advocates.	158,845
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cost of gas, bus passes, Uber/Lyft to transport participants to and from medical and clinical appointments, work, and other scheduled appointments, assist with driving program. Insurance, clinical program supplies (workbooks, books, assessment platform), community readiness outings, and groceries.	125,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants and contracted service: Accounting and Development/Grant Writing.	37,625
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>321,570</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Samaritan Village's Transitional Safehouse Program's goal is to provide safe housing and restorative care for up to 15 adult female survivors of human trafficking at 3 locations in Orlando, FL. The expansion of mental health services will provide the capacity needed to meet survivors' unique mental and emotional health needs, ensuring seamless and integrated care that enhances the program's effectiveness.

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

Samaritan Village's Transitional Safehouse Program will expand its mental health services to include additional access to licensed mental health support, ongoing professional development for clinical staff, and the continuation of clinical and recovery services that empower survivors to heal from trauma, take back their lives, and become catalysts for change in their communities.

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

Direct services will include access to a full-time therapist(s) with specialization in trafficking and complex trauma, supervised intern positions which will facilitate more timely assessments and continuity of care, ongoing professional development for clinical staff, safe housing, clinical services such as medical and dental care, case management, independent living skills, substance recovery, sobriety maintenance services, vocational skills, financial budgeting/management, and more.

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

Samaritan Village (SVI) serves up to 15 survivors of human trafficking in Central Florida, primarily females ages 18 to 44, between 3 safehouses in Orlando. In 2023, SVI received 419 referral calls. That year, the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking reported 25 long-term beds available for survivors in Central Florida —SVI provides 15 of those beds. SVI's structured and trauma-informed services align with the Governor's legislation and the Statewide Council on Human Trafficking's recommendations to combat human trafficking.

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

Samaritan Village's (SVI) Transitional Safehouse Program's outcome is to provide a safe place for human trafficking survivors to heal from trauma, recover from addiction, and take back their lives. SVI evaluates program effectiveness through assessments, inquiries, observations, case note reviews, and surveys from participants, staff, and volunteers. The Clinical Director and other staff collaborate and use the Casebook system and RTI International's OHTS tool to track survivors' progress.

**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 Samaritan Village fails to meet deliverables or performance measures, they will be subject to submitting a performance improvement plan with measurable outcomes bound by timelines and a formal review.

**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



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- 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
- University or College



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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.*