

## The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

**1. Project Title** The Lifeboat Project - Empowerment Through Education and Awareness

2. Senate Sponsor Jason Brodeur

**3. Date of Request** 2/13/2025

#### 4. Project/Program Description

This project is being developed to educate the public about exploitation and human trafficking by providing training and resources to staff, community members, and survivors. To achieve these goals, additional case managers and support staff will be hired to increase the number of clients served and enhance advocacy efforts in the community. Staff members will receive specialized training to better support survivors, while survivors will gain access to life skills and educational programs to help them rebuild their lives. By combining education, awareness, and expanded staffing, this project will create lasting change for survivors, children, and the broader community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

#### 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)	150,000	100%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	0	0%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	0	0%	
Other	0	0%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	150,000	100%	

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

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

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

No

No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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



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

0. Status of Const a. What is the cu		he project?			
O Planning	O Design	Construction	🔿 N/A		
b. Is the project	"shovel ready"	(i.e permitted)?			
c. What is the es	stimated start da	te of construction?			
d. What is the es	stimated comple	tion date of construc	ction?		
e. What funding	stream will be u	used for ongoing ope	rations and	d 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	60,000		
Other Salary and Benefits	Support Staff\$25,000 (salary–\$17,500 + 30% fringe \$7,500)	25,000	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Staff Training and Travel\$20,000	20,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants and Experts-\$10,000 Program Evaluation Study-\$1,000 Workshops and Training Materials for Survivors-\$10,000 Educational Supply-\$3,000 Computer Lab\$5,000	29,000	
Operational Costs			
Salary and Benefits		0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Office supplies and utilities-\$7,000 Technology and Tools-\$3,000	10,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Community Awareness and Marketing Campaign Events and Outreach Materials-\$3,000 Partnership Development\$3,000	6,000	
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0	
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	150,000	

#### 13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will directly support three key initiatives:

Expanding Survivor Support – Hiring more staff to provide hands-on care, guidance, and essential programs that help survivors heal, build confidence, and prepare for employment.

Raising Community Awareness – Launching outreach campaigns, hosting events, and partnering with schools and local organizations to prevent trafficking and inspire action.

Strengthening Our Impact – Training staff, covering essential operational costs, and improving efficiency to better serve survivors and the community.

With these resources, we will provide life-changing support to survivors, mobilize advocates, and educate the public, creating lasting protection against exploitation.

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

Survivor Services: Providing personalized support through one-on-one case management to address each survivor's unique needs, offering life skills workshops to help them build independence and confidence, and providing mental health therapy to support their emotional healing and overall well-being.

Community Outreach: Organizing campaigns, hosting events, and building partnerships with other organizations to increase public understanding of exploitation and human trafficking

Staff Training: Offering targeted training programs to equip staff with the skills and knowledge needed to support survivors effectively, while hiring additional team members to enhance capacity and broaden the range of services provided.

Operational Support: Administrative and logistical resources for effective program delivery.

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

Direct Services will include but not be limited to

Survivor Support: Case management, life skills training, medical assistance, mental health therapy, education assistance, and emergency assistance.

Community Awareness: Campaigns, events, and partnerships to educate and engage the public.

Enhanced Services: Training for staff and expanded access through additional hires.

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

Target Population:

Survivors of human trafficking and exploitation, including mothers and their children.

Youth at risk of exploitation, reached through educational app outreach.

Community members and stakeholders, including schools, healthcare providers, and local organizations, to raise awareness and foster advocacy.

Expected Reach:

Survivors: Approximately 120 individuals, including direct support for mothers and children.

Youth: 500+ children educated through the updated app and outreach efforts.

Community Members: 1,000+ individuals engaged through awareness campaigns, events, and partnerships.

This project will serve over 1,620 individuals directly and indirectly, creating a widespread impact.

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

#### be measured?

Expected Benefits/Outcomes:

Empower survivors with life skills, stable housing, and economic independence.

Educate youth on trafficking prevention through an updated app and outreach.

Raise community awareness through events and partnerships.

Enhance organizational capacity with expanded staff and improved training.

Measurement Methodology:

Track survivor outcomes (e.g., housing, employment, and program participation).

Analyze app usage (downloads and engagement) and feedback from youth organizations.

Measure outreach impact via event attendance and campaign reach.

Evaluate staff performance and client satisfaction.

Success will be assessed through data and feedback from participants and partners.

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?



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If the agency fails to meet deliverables or performance measures outlined in the contract, the following penalties may be considered:

Withhold Funding: Delay or reduce payments until deliverables are met. Corrective Action Plans: Require a plan to address deficiencies. Activity Suspension: Pause program components until compliance. Reimbursement: Recover funds for unmet deliverables.

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

#### a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- D Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- **D** 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
- 🗆 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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