



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1025

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Free legal assistance and representation to veterans, victims of human trafficking, victims of domestic violence and low income individuals and families in the area of landlord tenant, employment, bankruptcy, domestic relations, and throughout the state. By providing free legal services and representation we assist individuals and families regain personal and economic stability and safety, join the work force and become contributing members of our State. The legal services that we provide our clients with help them obtain employment, health insurance, driving privileges, an education, housing, and help them to achieve a better future. This appropriations request is separate and distinct from an appropriations request made to support a pilot program for legal assistance to low income residents facing foreclosure by their condo and HOA community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	150,000	7%
Local	498,000	25%
Other	870,000	43%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,018,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	350,000	1090	No

9. **Is future 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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2022-2023 Nonrecurring 500,000, LFIR #1010 Not vetoed. 2021-2022 Nonrecurring 350,000, LFIR #1090 Not vetoed. CABA Pro Bono also receives funding from the Florida Bar Foundation, Miami Dade County, the Children's Trust and local funding efforts. However, CABA Pro Bono needs continued support from the State of Florida in order to continue to effectively carry out their mission.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

CABA Pro Bono received two PPP loans, each in the amount of \$137,500. These funds were used to pay for staff salaries.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director is in charge of supervising all of the legal work provided through the office, including the organization and execution of all legal service clinics. Director is also in charge of mentoring and recruiting pro bono attorneys and supervising the administration of the office.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Office Manager is responsible for performing the day-to-day administrative functions of the office including but not limited to accounting, record keeping, maintenance of the files and tracking of all cases on our legal server case management system	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants include a subcontracted CFO to oversee the organization's accounting and a marketing company to help with outreach and recruitment of pro bono attorneys. Additionally, we hire a technological support company to monitor the Organization's computer system and assist with any technology issues.	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		



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Salary and Benefits	We pay salaries and benefits for 8 full time attorneys that we have on staff. These attorneys solely work for CABA Pro Bono Legal Services and are responsible for providing direct services in the form of legal representation to children, families, veterans and individuals that we represent. Additionally, we have a part-time attorney, paralegals and legal assistants. Appropriation requested will be used to pay for part of the salaries and benefits of our staff.	360,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This amount will be used to cover court fees and other litigation costs including court reporters, process servers, expert witnesses and court translators. This amount will also be used to cover Program costs including mileage when traveling outside of Miami Dade, parking, telephone / internet and office supplies.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

Holistic Legal Services and Representation will be provided to Veterans, Victims of Human trafficking, Victims of Domestic Violence and Children that have been abused, abandoned and/or neglected By providing free legal services we are assisting individuals and families regain personal and economic stability and safety, join the work force and become contributing members of our State. The Legal services that we provide our clients with help them obtain employment, an education and a better future.

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

We will provide free legal services and representation in various areas of law including Family Law, Domestic Violence, Juvenile dependency and Landlord Tenant. We will be attending Veterans treatment Court and G.R.A.C.E. Court weekly (GRACE Court is specifically for victims of Human Trafficking) to offer legal representation to all veterans and victims of human trafficking.

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

Legal Services provided will range from full direct court representation across multiple areas of law, to legal services with filling out documents to help the clients proceed pro se, to legal counsel and advice.

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

Elderly persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth and neurodivergent young adults. We expect to serve 1,500 individuals.

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

CABA Pro Bono Legal Services will provide free legal services to at least 1500 residents of Florida for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Individuals served will fill out satisfaction surveys to report on the specific benefit that they gained through the legal services provided. All legal services provided including Court Representation will be documented in our legal Server Case Management system. Additionally, files will be kept documenting all services provided and outcomes achieved.

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 the contract?

If deliverables are not met, money will be deducted from the total amount due as detailed under the contract.

15. Requester Contact Information



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a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number