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Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1304

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Lifeboat Project has been in the fight against human trafficking in for 11 years. The agency provides a safe space for adults and children who are victims of human trafficking, regardless of gender, faith, racial-ethnic background, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. The agency serves men, women, mothers and children, and LGBTQ+. Human trafficking has disproportionately impacted women and children. In 2021, Lifeboat addressed this inequity by dedicating services to homeless trafficked mothers with children/homeless mothers with trafficked children with goal of keeping families safe and unified. The agency's Breakwater Center provides targeted case management through a survivor-centered, trauma informed continuum of care. Targeted case managers begin working with mothers and children after initial intake, assessment, crisis management, and housing placement at the center. The overall goal is to keep mothers and children unified, safe, and on a path to sustained freedom.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 286,220 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 286,220 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|----------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 286,220 | 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 2023-2024 | 286,220 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2019-20 | 0 | 80,000 | 327C | No |

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

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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The Lifeboat Project, Inc. will continue to use funding revenues generated from fundraising, events, donations, local grants, and corporate charitable sponsorships in lieu of state funding. Small sources of funding are rent income from low-income affordable apartment units paid by income-qualified survivor families that reintegrated to the community who live in Lifeboat-owned properties. Survivor families are not charged any fees for direct services. Lifeboat covers all costs for direct services.

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.

The Lifeboat Project, Inc. was awarded \$187,500 in American Rescue Plan Act Funding from Seminole County, FL in 2022 to respond to the negative economic impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency on agency operations and program services for homeless victims and survivors of human trafficking. Agency operations were impacted with a decrease in essential staff for client services and an increase demand for housing trafficked mothers with children.

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

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 | 0.5 FTE CEO @ \$24,000 plus 30% fringe (\$7,200) CEO is essential to oversight of nonprofit agency operations, works with Board of Directors, senior and general staff management, public relations, & ensuring the maintain appropriate standard of survivor-centered services and care. | 31,200 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | 0.5 FTE Director of Administration & Compliance @ \$21,840 plus 30% fringe (\$6,552) = \$28,392 0.5 FTE Director of Grants & Compliance @ \$18,720 plus 30% fringe (\$5,616) = 24,336 | 52,728 |



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| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Copier Lease \$350/per month X 12 months = \$4,200 for Xerox VersaLink C7130 30PPM COLOR MFP. Reduce costs for outsourcing printing program and event related materials. Computers - \$1,250/each for laptop computer X 4 = \$5,000. 2 laptop computers for program staff for direct services and 2 for administrative staff. Lifeboat runs on donated technology and has never leased/purchased any new technology. | 9,200 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Communications & Public Relations Consultant \$300 per month fee X 12 months = \$3,600 Website Consultant \$375 per month fee X 12 months = \$4,500 Grant Writing Assistant Consultant \$320 per month X 12 months = \$3,840 | 11,940 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | 0.5 VP Operations & Program Services @ \$23,500 plus 30% fringe (\$7,050) = \$30,550 1.0 Targeted Case Manager @ \$35,000 plus 30% fringe (10,050) = \$45,050 1.0 Maintenance Manager for Lifeboat Properties @ \$37,440 plus 30% fringe (\$11,232) = \$48,672 | 124,272 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Travel 500 miles @ 0.58 per mile/per month \$290 X 12 months = \$3,480 Mileage for program services including mobile food pantry services, monthly housing visits, and emergency relocation of survivor families when no other transport is available. Office Supplies \$150 every 3 months X 4 = \$600 Allocation for pens, pencils, copy paper, note pads, etc. for staff, programs, and survivors. | 4,080 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Licensed Mental Health Counselor for Trauma-Informed Therapy \$3,000 per month X 12 months = \$36,000 Lived Experience Expert (Human Trafficking Survivor Expert) \$900 per month X 12 months = \$10,800 Program Evaluation \$6,000 | 52,800 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | N/A | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 286,220 |

14. Program Performance

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

The program will provide longer-term housing options with after care and services for homeless trafficked mothers and children including trauma-informed mental health counseling to prevent revictimization and exploitation. Due to the nature of the unpredictable circumstances of trafficking situations, domestic violence shelters for mothers with trafficked children are not appropriate. Once rescued, mothers and their children receive housing in a safe environment at the center with access to medical, mental health, dental care, and educational/vocational opportunities as immediate necessities to move on with new lives of sustained freedom.

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

The services provided are long-term housing with all basic needs met in order to keep homeless trafficked mothers and children/mothers with trafficked children unified. The center provides low-barrier entry housing for survivor families for up to 6 months or up to 1 year with emphasis on who gaining employment or attending school for the mother and children enrolled in school. Longer stays are based on need. Survivors are provided the opportunity to be able to focus on self-care, self-sufficiency, and independence in a safe, secure, home environment that is free of threats and coercion. Once stable, survivor families are assisted with low-income affordable housing to reintegrate back into the community with support services.

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



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The Lifeboat Project incorporates the housing-first model of homeless/housing engagement, which puts the emphasis on moving human trafficking survivors and their children into low-barrier housing and providing immediate wraparound services and support. The direct services provided include, but are not limited to, targeted case management, safe residential housing, transitional housing, crisis management, individual and family trauma-informed mental health counseling, education assistance, job assistance, advocacy, victim services, parenting classes, financial management classes, life skills, and reintegration into the community with low-moderate income housing.

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

The vulnerable target population to be served is forced labor and sex trafficking victims, homeless human trafficking survivors, specifically trafficked mothers with children and mothers with trafficked children. Within the target population served there are some younger mothers who have bore children out of their trafficking situations. This brings concerns around exploited mothers and the effects of exploitation on their children. The program expects to serve 60 -100 individuals, including children ages 0-18 years. Keeping mothers and their children unified in safe housing with trauma-informed mental health counseling will help to prevent revictimization of mothers and exploitation of children.

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

The expected benefit of this program is keeping mothers and children (survivor families) unified in safe housing with positive opportunities for growth, self-sufficiency, stabilization while addressing the trauma of trafficking in order to sustain and maintain their freedom with the opportunity to be citizens in our community. The outcome of this project will be measured by the number of survivor families participating in housing, mental health services, targeted case management sessions, financial management classes, parenting classes, victim services, advocacy services, education assistance, and job assistance.

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?

The Lifeboat Project, Inc. is willing to discuss additional penalties with the contracting agency as part of the contract negotiation process.

15. Requester Contact Information

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



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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