



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1442

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

More Too Life (MTL) is an anti-human trafficking organization providing direct services to victims of human exploitation in Sarasota, Manatee, Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Miami-Dade counties. The organization was founded over 19 years ago and aims to offer effective services, programs, and resources that educate and empower victims of human exploitation/trafficking. The requested funding will increase service delivery to meet this growing demand and increase MTL's ability for coordination throughout the state to meet the complex needs of this population.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	565,646
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	565,646

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)	565,646	36%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,002,000	64%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,567,646	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

More Too Life currently has a federal grant through the Department of Justice, guaranteed through September 2024. Our agency also has a federal grant through the Office For Victims of Crime/ VOCA, guaranteed through September 2024. More Too Life will continue applying for these federal grants as applications become available. More too Life takes an active approach to seeking out funding from other funding sources.



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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.

MTL received the EIDL Loan for \$75k on 7/7/2020, ERC Credit \$9614.58 in 2020 and \$196,340.75 in 2021, PPP Loan of \$282,200 (forgiven in 2021).

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	Salary and benefits for 1 Executive Director./ Program Coordinator	48,750
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for 1 Victim Service Contract Specialist	35,750
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting, Training and Educational Materials, Data Analysis	56,470
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for support/front line staff in areas of Law Enforcement, Training and Education, and Mental Health, Digital Advocate.	291,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Operational Expenses to support delivery of victim services. Other Costs, Office supplies, Travel, Training/Conferences, Equipment costs.	133,476
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)		565,646

14. Program Performance

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



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Expand services to children, youth, and young adult victims of sex trafficking. This request supports additional staff to meet critical unmet needs in the service area including coordination with law enforcement/judicial system, employment of survivors of human trafficking, mental/behavioral health, digital advocacy & training to community-based organizations on best practices to serve this population. The request also supports unmet needs of victims of human trafficking within the services area.

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

MTL will provide victim advocacy, specific to criminal justice investigations of alleged traffickers, mentoring, and education for victims in the justice system. MTL will provide survivor-informed training to case managers and stakeholders who work with victims in trauma-informed settings. MTL will address victims' mental health needs resulting from sex trafficking & support victim identification.

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

Provides advocacy with law enforcement, mentoring and therapeutic services to victims of sex trafficking, along with support in victim identification. Training Program will provide educational and informative sessions on best-practices and trauma-informed approaches to case managers and other stakeholders who have direct interactions with children, youth and young adults who have been trafficked.

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

The primary population served will be victims of Human Trafficking, youth serving organizations, persons with poor mental health and physical health, school aged students, jobless persons, at risk youth, homeless, economically disadvantaged persons, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders in criminal justice, victims of crime. 200-400 individuals are expected to be served.

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

Using several proven processes for tracking, monitoring, measuring and reporting performance outcomes, More Too Life will report the number of exploited and trafficked victims identified and referred. MTL will track and report on the number of victims receiving services, the types of services received by victims, and the demographic information on those being served. Primary benefits of this project include improving victims' physical and mental health, improving victims' economic self-sufficiency, reducing recidivism, and preventing victims from entering criminal and juvenile justice systems.

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?

Repayment of funds will be made to the state if the organization, More Too Life Inc, fails to meet the deliverables or performance measure criteria in the contract.

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



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- 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