



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1517

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Kristi House is requesting funds to reconfigure and renovate its nearly 18,000 square foot main facility to allow its multidisciplinary partner, the UM Child Protection Team, to co-locate within Kristi House. The request will enable Kristi House, the nationally accredited state designated Children's Advocacy Center for Miami-Dade County, to better serve the children who are survivors of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, and other forms of trauma. Having the agencies co-locate will allow children to get necessary services in a single location, thereby minimizing re-traumatization.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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 2024-2025	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

Kristi House will have to do a capital fundraising campaign in order to secure the funds needed to complete the renovations.

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



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

The agency received a PPP loan in the amount of \$658,561.

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2025

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.

Kristi House, Inc.

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
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Reconfiguration and renovation of interior of the existing 18,000 sq. ft. facility to provide capacity to add the 20 employees that the Child Protection Team will be moving into the space.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The facility will allow children who are victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and other types of trauma to come to one location to receive the vast majority of services they need to heal, including forensic medical exams, forensic interviews other specialized interviews, mental health treatment, and advocacy services. Having all of this available in a single location limits additional trauma and makes the services more accessible to families. Kristi House currently provides mental health services, case coordination, and advocacy for children who have experienced trauma, specifically sexual abuse and other forms of abuse. Section 39.303, F.S., requires DOH and DCF to utilize child protection teams in each of the service circuits of DCF. Miami's historically has been housed within the University of Miami, which is no longer able to provide geographically desirable space. Thus, relocation to Kristi House is necessary to allow Miami's child protection team to fulfill its statutory d

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

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

Children will be able to undergo forensic medical exams for sexual abuse, physical abuse, and other types of abuse at Kristi House's facility from the specialty trained physicians and nurses at the Child Protection Team. Additionally, all forensic interviews will be conducted at Kristi House in a child-friendly and calm environment to minimize further trauma.

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

There are several target populations, including at-risk youth, students of all grade levels from preschool through high school, and child victims of crime. Currently, the Children's Advocacy Center sees approximately 2,000 children and families per year. This number is expected to increase if the UM Child Protection Team is co-located within Kristi House.

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

It is expected that child victims of sexual abuse, sex trafficking, physical abuse, and other types of trauma will see improvements in physical health and mental health. Creating this redesigned space in Kristi House where forensic examinations and interviews can be performed will ensure that the Miami-based child protection team has a fully resourced and safe space for these evaluations, thus providing the best care to meet the needs of children's physical well-being. Also, co-location of Kristi House and CPT will minimize the stress associated with the required evaluations and optimize the children's mental health by surrounding these victims with Kristi House's mental health resources. Outcomes can be tracked using evidence-based assessments, the DOH database, the Kristi House database, and surveys of clients and caregivers.

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?

Return of state funds.

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



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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