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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Lotus House Education and Employment Program for High Special Needs Homeless Women and Youth

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/09/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

IMPROVE QUALITY OF EDUCATION: homeless women/female youth will receive one on one education support counseling and assistance in applying for education completion and/or training; complete high school diploma/GED and/or other vocational training; access to computers and instruction in computers when needed. CREATE IMMEDIATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES: paid/unpaid employment internships; homeless women/female youth will obtain employment or increase employment income by program exit. ENHANCE INDIVIDUAL'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY: homeless women/female youth will participate in a job readiness training course; prepare professional resumes; receive one on one employment coaching; participate in a job search workshop; and complete a Casey Life Skills assessment; 100 will participate in life skills group or individual program/training; Measures: Summary of service spreadsheet. Copies of individual action plans and progress notes, available on-site.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Education

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
200,000		200,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	220,000	52.4%
TOTAL	220,000	52.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 420,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 5
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:	100,000	100,000	200,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$200,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To foster self-sufficiency and employment, the Lotus House Women’s Shelter Education and Employment program delivers life-changing employment and educational support, training, services, referrals and internships/employment and job placement to high special needs homeless women and youth.

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

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Education and Employment Coordinators; 0.5 FTE Retail Training; Program Manager; 0.25 FTE Food Prep & Service Training Manager; wages and benefits for 28 on-site client job training internships.	176,912
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Uniforms, books, course fees, work shoes, postage, office supplies, licenses.	23,088
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		200,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Education support/counseling, job readiness training, job training, internships, assistance with job search.

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

Women and youth experiencing homelessness most of whom have been victims of crime. Most have mental and physical health problems and are economically disadvantaged and currently jobless. Youth are at-risk. Some are students and some are formerly incarcerated. 170 homeless women/youth will be served with one or more of the described services.

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

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- g. 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?**

Non-payment

- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

None

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- Name:** Constance Collins
- Organization:** President, Sundari Foundation, Inc. - Lotus House Women's Shelter
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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- Organization:** Sundari Foundation, Inc. - Lotus House Women's Shelter
- County:** Miami-Dade
- Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- Contact Name:** Anna Frusciante
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- Name:** None
- Firm:** None
- Email:**
- Phone Number:**