



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking - Ending Human Trafficking

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/12/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT) requests funding for three project areas: 1) TraffickingFree Zone Pilot Program Expansion. This project will implement proven practices through a modular services engagement for county governments and communities to fight sex trafficking in their area. It is currently piloted in Pasco County. Requested funds will be used to expand the pilot to 7 additional counties. 2) Human Trafficking Youth Triage Center. This project will develop a short-term assessment center for youth victims of sex trafficking to be cared for over a 3-7 day period, meeting their immediate needs, and conducting the necessary assessments to determine their long-term care requirements and placement into long-term care. 3) University of South Florida Safe Home Comparison Study. This project will fund year 1 of a 3-year study with the University of South Florida to study the treatment and outcomes of boys in the USIAHT safe home.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

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

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
1,177,825		1,177,825

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	250,000	17.5%
TOTAL	250,000	17.5 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,427,825



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9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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:			

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

No

11. Program Performance:

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

1) TraffickingFree Zone Pilot Program expansion beyond Pasco County into an additional seven counties in Florida. 2) Open a Human Trafficking Youth Triage Center to address the overnight care and immediate needs of minor victims of human trafficking over a 3 - 7 day period until long-term placement is identified. 3) Conduct year 1 of a 3-year Florida Safe Home comparison study by the University of South Florida to assess outcomes and differences between safe homes serving female minors versus male minors.

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

TRAFFICKINGFREE ZONE PILOT PROGRAM EXPANSION: USIAHT will engage with local governments in a consulting and services engagement through this 10 module, 12 month program implementing promising practices from other areas of the country to fight sex trafficking in their local community. HUMAN TRAFFICKING YOUTH TRIAGE CENTER: USIAHT will develop a short-term care "triage center" facility in the Tampa Bay area for CSEC youth extracted from their HT situation, allowing for a 3-7 day stay with a shower, bed, and for assessments to occur on the victim's history, current situation, medical needs, develop a short-term and long-term care plan, and more. USF SAFE HOME COMPARISON STUDY: The University of South Florida will partner with USIAHT and conduct the first year of a planned three-year study to provide a comprehensive assessment and comparison of service provision and youth outcomes between USIAHT's safe house for boys and one of the current safe houses in Florida for girls.



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c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	TraffickingFree Program Director	77,040
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Senior Administrator	43,650
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	IT Equipment / Travel & Training	8,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	TraffickingFree Zone & Triage Center Employees	575,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	TraffickingFree Zone & Triage Center IT Equipment, Office Expenses and Travel	413,650
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	USF Safe Home Comparison Study	59,985
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,177,825

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

TRAFFICKINGFREE ZONE PILOT PROGRAM EXPANSION will provide education and training of law enforcement, the criminal justice system, education of high school, college and at-risk youth and education of the general population about human trafficking, and increase the focus on buyers and ending demand. HUMAN TRAFFICKING YOUTH TRIAGE CENTER will offer facilities and services for minor victims of human trafficking just recovered, until long-term placement can be identified that meets their needs. Services will include immediate medical treatment, assessment and best suited long-term care plan and placement. USF SAFE HOME COMPARISON STUDY will engage directly with the victims in the safe home and conduct the study of the boys safe home as compared to a girls safe home.



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

At-risk youth, high school students, university/college students, victims of crime, and Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) and minors who are victims of sex trafficking. It is expected that greater than 800 individuals will be served.

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

Improvement of physical/mental health of the CSEC victims. Quality of education increased for high school and college students, and education of other service providers. The public will receive an increased level of protection from harm through combating human trafficking. The CSEC youth will receive protection through the Triage Center and enhanced economic self-sufficiency by increasing successful placement rates into long term care. Recidivism rates will be reduced, and more habitual buyers of sex will be arrested. Substance abuse will be reduced in CSEC youth, with diversion away from the juvenile justice system through increased placements into proper care. "Best practices" will be identified in safe home operations and shared with others. All of the above will be measured through data gathering by USIAHT in each of the program areas.

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?

USIAHT will submit a review to the state detailing it's plan to meet deliverables in a reasonable amount of time and/or accept an abatement in its allocation if services provided are underutilized or not being used by the target population.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Geoffrey Rogers
- b. **Organization:** U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking
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- d. **Phone Number:** (813)895-3390

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking
- b. **County:** Hillsborough, Pasco
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)



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15. **If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

a. **Name:** None

b. **Firm:** None

c. **Email:**

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