

LFIR # 2075

1. **Project Title** The Choice: Single-Parents Mentoring Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor Oscar Braynon

3. Date of Request 12/23/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

Single Moms make up the majority of single parents in the United States: 1 in 4 children under the age of 18 (a total of about 16.4 million) are being raised by single Moms. These mothers, many of whom live in poverty, don't know where to find help. Poverty rate for singlemother families in 2017 was 34%, nearly five times more than the rate (6%) for married-couple families. Sanctuary of Moses presents "The Choice" to mentor and connect single-mothers to resources and opportunities in the community. The goal: empower them to raise holistic children in a functional environment and prepare them with the proper tools to raise responsible adults to positively contribute to society. The main focus of CHOICE is to: (1) Mentor Single Moms; (2) Connect Single-Moms to necessary Resources; (3) Provide access to educational opportunities, job training including apprenticeships, financial management, etc.; and (4) Help to create Community Co-ops (food, clothing, babysitting, etc.).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? O Yes

No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	675,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	675,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	675000	100.0 %	
Matching Funds			
Federal	00	0 %	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %	
Local	00	0 %	
Other	00	0 %	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	675,000	100 %	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? O Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amo	Specific		
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? • Yes • No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

675,000



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Payroll and benefits for a seasoned professional to plan, lead and organize Choice initiatives in support of single mothers and their children. Oversight and administration of the program plan; lead and organize staff and volunteers. Seek partnerships, coordinate development opportunities and oversee outreach.	85,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Payroll and benefits for support staff to assist executive director and the board in meeting Choice goals to empower single Moms and children of single mother households. Clerical support, office management, and research support.	65,000
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other	Outreach to single mothers in the community and participation in key events, develop strong partnerships to boost support for single mothers and children. Office supplies, travel, computers, printers, furniture and vehicle(s).	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Counseling, job-skills training, study to measure dynamics of the change in family structural support on society, study on impact of Choice services, resource connections, etc.	100,000
Operational Costs: Oth	ler	
Salary and Benefits	Payroll plus benefits for a seasoned professional to propel the Choice mission. Manage day-to-day operations.	75,000
Expense/Equipment/ Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses including outreach to single mothers. Furniture, laptops, phones, website management, etc.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Services that enhance the Choice mission to empower and support single mothers and their children. Nutritional services, soft-skills training, mental health services, counseling, childcare services, etc. Social media specialist.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construc	tion/Major Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/ Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Re	equested (must equal total from question #6)	675,000



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11. Program Performance

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

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

Mentoring, soft-skills training, job/apprenticeship/education assistance, counseling, connection to resources for food, housing, childcare, healthcare, etc.

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

By supporting single moms with needed resources, guidance, mentors and a solid network of support; we can hopefully turn the tide of a community sinking deeper into despair, poverty and violence.

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

Single mothers including their children. The goal is to begin outreach to 250 single mother household the first year and expand to 500 in year two, increasing each year as can be accommodated by funding.

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

Empower single mothers by assisting heads of households to access needed resources and mentors to support in raising children and managing households. Resources include: childcare, healthcare, nutrition, counselling, job training, apprenticeship, soft-skills training, money managing, etc. Mentors will be matched with single mothers using best practices with support of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Sanctuary will track end users and report on best practices. An annual report will be produced.

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 in the contract?

Return funds to the State of Florida.



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12. 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.

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