



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1516

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

St. Gerard Campus, Inc. (SGC) is a comprehensive, faith-based, pro-life, safe haven and center of support for pregnant women and mothers ranging in ages 12-20 who have been shunned by family or face challenges in both having and supporting their children. It is composed of a fully accredited Christian High School, licensed maternity home, on site day care facility and a pregnancy resource center.

As the need for our support services, particularly education and safe housing, has grown throughout St. Johns and surrounding counties, we now need to redevelop and expand our facilities, starting with our dormitory.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,435,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,435,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,435,000	59%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	41%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,435,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

SGC currently relies solely on the generosity of donations from benefactors to finance renovation and redevelopment.

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



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Yes

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

PPP loan of \$29,539 which was forgiven.

## 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

Oct 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

Sole ownership is St. Gerard Campus, Inc. - a 501(c)(3).

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	\$1,000,000 to match a donation pledged specifically for redevelopment and expansion of SGC to provide education and housing for up to 30 pregnant women and mothers (plus their babies), as well as segregate minors and adults per regulations. Current capacity is 6. \$435,000 to pay off the land loan that is set to balloon (mature and come due) which hampers fundraising efforts.	1,435,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,435,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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SGC will increase its ability to serve women in need of both education and safe housing from 6 to 30, enabling SGC to meet the broader needs in the greater St. Augustine-Jacksonville area.

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

High school education culminating in accredited diploma; safe and secure housing; nutritional support; counseling and training in parenting and life skills

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

Education leading to a high school diploma from our accredited school, as well as safe housing, mentoring and care from our staff and volunteer house mothers throughout the woman's pregnancy, childbirth, and infancy through graduation. Mothers are further counseled and aided in pursuing further education and training to provide for their families for life. Our graduates typically go on to nursing school, college, vocational training or enlist in the military. We prepare women in difficult situations, often coming from the most dire situations, to thrive for life as mothers and successful members of society.

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

Our target population is pregnant women and young mothers and their babies who need to be loved, supported and cared for through their pregnancy and early years as a mother. There are women in the most difficult circumstances in society, often coming from abuse, poverty, abandonment or drug-laden environments, women who have nowhere else to turn. We provide hope, love and dignity that these young families will build on for life. We are building to serve up to 30 pregnant or new mothers, plus their babies, in any given academic year

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

Upon completion of the redevelopment and requisite staffing increases, the expected benefit is to provide for up to 30 resident student mothers and their babies in a given academic year. We will measure the opportunity to serve (the need expressed in the Saint Johns, Duval, Clay and Flagler counties) and record the number of mothers served in relation to the expressed need, capping our residents at 30 mothers, and ensuring all eligible mothers up to the cap are served and housed.

**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?**

Failure to provide services for all eligible pregnant women and mothers, up to a maximum of 30 at any given time, should result in (1) disqualification from future funding until remediation is illustrated, (2) submission of a plan by SGC to remediate any shortcomings in performance due to staffing or fundraising shortfalls, (3) the opportunity for the state to recommend remediation measures, and (4) retainment of a qualified consultant to non-profit organizations such as SGC to advise toward improved performance.

**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**