



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1600

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Place of Hope, Inc. provides essential services to our communities most vulnerable population by providing child abuse prevention services and support, care in child welfare through neighborhood foster care stability, support and housing for youth ages 0 to 23, maternity care, homeless programs and human trafficking prevention and education for at-risk youth and community members, and recovery services for victims of human trafficking.

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

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)	1,000,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	700,000	315A	No

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.

No other funding is available.

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

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



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PPP - \$808,900 for salaries (2020).

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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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.

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	To cover the cost of staff members responsible for child abuse prevention services and support, trafficking prevention, education and recovery, family-style neighborhood foster homes, at-risk homes, emergency shelter, maternity home and transitional and supportive housing settings.	208,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	To cover the cost of staff members responsible for operational functioning of child abuse prevention services and support, trafficking prevention, education and recovery, at-risk homes, family-style neighborhood foster homes, maternity home and transitional and supportive housing settings, providing daily care for youth in programs.	792,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
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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Place of Hope, Inc. is requesting funding to continue to meet the operational functioning of regional placement needs for Florida's abused and neglected children, victims of human trafficking and otherwise homeless young adults, and child abuse prevention services and support. Place of Hope, Inc. plans to hire a case manager to help provide more support for the children in our care. In addition, Place of Hope, Inc. will be opening a new campus in Stuart to help with placement needs on youth in the Treasure Coast area. Thus, Place of Hope will be hiring a new case manager, program team members, operations team member for the new campus in Stuart.

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

The request includes funding for operational functioning expenses associated with our "seamless" provision of programming, housing and therapeutic support for abused and neglected children, sexually exploited adolescent youth and other victims of human trafficking throughout Florida. The funding request will also help to continue our highly sought Human Trafficking Prevention and Education for at-risk youth and community members. The funding request will also help us to support child abuse prevention services and support by also adding an in-house therapist. Place of Hope will be hiring a new case manager, program team members, operations team member for the new campus in Stuart to be able to serve children in the Treasure Coast area.

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

We provide child abuse prevention services and support, assessment center and emergency shelter, maternity care, neighborhood foster homes, Extended Foster Care (EFC) and post-emancipation transitional and supportive housing programs (multiple locations). Place of Hope also provides human trafficking prevention and education for at-risk youth (to recognize potential situations of human trafficking) as well as community members (to recognize the signs of human trafficking).

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

Abused and neglected children are provided necessities, care and love. Our Child Welfare, Foster Care and Human Trafficking Prevention and Education Support Services, child abuse prevention services and support initiative impacts victims of human trafficking, children in foster care, at-risk youth and the community at large. The program is expected to serve 800+ individuals.

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

Our community will have knowledge of how to prevent and rescue victims of human trafficking. The methodology will be tracking the number of individuals who watch or attend our prevention and education sessions. Place of Hope will also provide housing and services to victims of human trafficking which will be recorded by how many lives are saved. Place of Hope will be able to provide for abused and neglected children, homeless youth and victims of human trafficking. Place of Hope will provide needed services for child abuse prevention services and support to help the community at large by tracking the numbers served. Place of Hope will provide in-house therapy to the children we serve.

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 meet deliverables without notification of good reason will result in financial penalties similar to the organization's current contract with the Department of Children and Families.

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



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b. Municipality and County

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