



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1938

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Florida Center for Children and Youth d/b/a Voices for Florida Open Door Outreach Network through its innovative relationships with local and community organizations has become Florida's largest provider of services to sexually exploited and trafficked children and young adults, ages 10-24. Services are available 24/7/365, provided by outreach teams consisting of Survivor-Mentors, Clinicians, Regional Advocates and Victim Services Coordinators. These services include crisis intervention, counseling, mentoring, court advocacy, information and referrals and personal advocacy. Services are provided in 30 counties comprising approximately 72% of the state's population.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,695,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,695,000

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)	1,695,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	5,462,894	76%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	7,157,894	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,000,000		No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

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.

In 2020, COVID Cares Act funding was received in the amount of \$6,000 which was used for Personal Protection Equipment.

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	Statewide Co-Presidents, North Region and South Region	136,564
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The growth of counties served from 7 to 30 exceeds the current operation software available for data collection, client and financial reporting and quality oversight. The consultant will advise on software upgrades and /or purchase of new software.	65,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Open Doors Statewide Services Director; Compliance & Auditing; Education & Training; Program Coordinator; Information & Outreach Specialist; and Financial, Research and Data Reporting Analysts.	659,421
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses necessary to support statewide training, compliance, quality assurance and support services including \$250,000 in direct support to local provider organizations for administration and other indirect expenses not reimbursed by other grant funds.	834,015
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)		1,695,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The 2023-24 appropriations request supports the Open Doors Outreach Network (ODON) serving victims of commercial sexual exploitation and sex trafficking ages 10-24 in 30 Florida counties, comprising approximately 72% of the state's population. Care to victims is available 24/7/365. Funding covers the operating costs of the statewide backbone organization and direct service assistance to local provider organizations for critical operational expenses not covered by Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) dollars.

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

Open Doors Outreach Network (ODON) provides outreach services to victims of sex trafficking, ages 10-24. Outreach teams consist of Survivor-Mentors, Clinicians, Regional Advocates and Victim Service Coordinators. Team members fill multiple gaps and provide victim-centered services to meet individual victims' needs. Voices for Florida (the backbone organization) coordinates ALL ODON program administration, training and quality assurance.

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network will expend services from 1,300 to more than 2,100 victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking, ages 10-24, and will improve available services in 30 counties in targeted regions across the state with the greatest need.

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

The target population is young children and youth who are predominating aging out of foster care who are victims of sex trafficking. Florida is a hot spot for trafficking, ranking third in the nation for reports to the National Human Hot line. In 2020 there were more than 3,000 actual reports of sexual exploitation of children in Florida and an untold number of other children being trafficked. Voices of Florida has served over 1,800 children with over 219,000 direct services hours since its inception in 2017. We project that those number will increase to 2,100 during 2023-24.

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

Using several proven processes for tracking, monitoring, measuring and reporting performance outcomes developed by Voices for Florida (the backbone organization), the Open Doors Outreach Network will report the number of exploited and trafficked victims identified/referred, number of victims receiving services, types of services received by victims and demographic information on those being served. Primary benefits include a reduction in the number of children in the child welfare system and/or crossover into the juvenile justice system and who become long term recipients of public services.

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?

Withholding a percentage of funds for failing to meet all metrics. Termination for services breach.

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



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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