



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2082

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

4. Project/Program Description

Options for Women Pregnancy Help Clinic (OFW) is a non-profit medical clinic that serves pregnant, at-risk women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. OFW provides free, non-judgmental medical services that allow women to confidently make an informed choice regarding their pregnancy. OFW is building a new clinic that would allow them to more than triple the patients served in Polk County. OFW is requesting funds from the local funding initiative to assist with this Building for Life Campaign. In 2019, OFW was presented with the opportunity to purchase a piece of property located right next to the only remaining abortion clinic left in Polk County. Since the purchase of the property, OFW has been seeing patients from a satellite clinic located on the property. The satellite clinic has had tremendous success and know that it will continue to grow with Options for Women's new Building for Life.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
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	38%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,600,000	62%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,600,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- 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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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Options for Women received a PPP loan. The money was used for payroll and time off for employees who contacted or with someone that had contacted Covid-19.

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.

Options for Women Pregnancy Help Clinic

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction for new Building for Life	1,000,000
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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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

Options for Women Pregnancy Help Clinic provides the following, non-judgmental, professional services to patients at no cost:

- Pregnancy testing
- Ultrasound exam
- STD testing and education for men and women
- Sexual integrity classes and post-abortion healing programs
- Community referrals for material needs
- Personalized plan for future
- Follow-up programs and support

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

Currently, OFW serves one patient appointment at a time. The funding requested will allow OFW to expedite the building process which allows them to more than triple the number of patients served, support the county's public health mission to reduce the instance of STDs across the county, and support women's overall physical, mental, and reproductive health.

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

We expect to serve close to 800 individuals each year with the opening of our new clinic. We serve many different populations which include:

- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- High school students
- University/College students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of funds will benefit no specific group)

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

Options for Women provides free limited ultrasound to patients experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Since 1 in 4 pregnancies end on their own, this free ultrasound provides the confirmation of pregnancy needed for a woman to make a healthy, informed choice about her pregnancy. OFW also provides free STD testing so individuals can have a comprehensive understanding of their reproductive health.

Options for Women runs comprehensive monthly reports that allow them to track the number of patients served each month and the health outcomes of those appointments. These reports also include the results of the STD tests administered. OFW works closely with the Florida Department of Health in Polk County to track these cases and ensure proper treatment is administered, if necessary.

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 outlined in this request would result the return of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information



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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

- 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