



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3032

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding is requested for the purchase of three homes to expand One Hope United (OHU) Hope House model to provide placement resources and services for male teens who are served by both the child welfare system and the juvenile justice system. Currently, there is a lack of placement resources for youth in foster care with high needs. This well-resourced, wrap-around community will have a positive impact on adolescents. A community of youth-friendly, therapeutic homes with amenities and resources will be provided to meet the youths' complex needs and help the youth achieve a better future.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,500,000	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?

Yes



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

OHU received a \$7.4M PPP loan which has been used to support OHU operations and fund employee incentives, including a retirement plan contribution and bonus.

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.

The properties will be owned by One Hope United, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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	Funds will be used to purchase three homes, with four bedrooms each.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

To purchase homes to expand our Hope House model. OHU proposes to provide services to male teens who are dually dependent and delinquent. These youth have struggled in many areas of their lives including running away, truancy, academically, sexually reactive behaviors, as well as other emotional and behavioral concerns. This provides a comprehensive program to these youth to give them an opportunity to succeed and increase the likelihood of future success.



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

Our service provides high quality living environments for youth who have experienced homelessness. We will have 24/7 on-site trauma-informed clinical support for youth in foster care in an environment that supports and encourages academic achievement with a study hall, computer lab, and library on site. The single-family homes will deliver specialized care in a family style environment.

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

The goal is for the youth to achieve positive outcomes including a decrease in youth arrests and increases in school attendance and performance while reducing Baker Act and run-away episodes. As an overlay to the program, OHU proposes to implement the Trauma Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) as the framework for this program. TBRI uses brain science to help heal traumatized brains.

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

The target population served are high-school aged male teens, who are considered at-risk youth, economically disadvantaged, living with poor mental health, and are dually involved with DCF and DJJ. Approximately 12 youth will be served annually.

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

- Improved mental health by decreasing Baker Acts; measured by comparing number Baker Acts prior to placement to number of Baker Acts after placement in Hope House program.
- Improved quality of education by increasing number of days youth are in school, increasing grade level, increasing GPA; measured by school attendance, grade level, and GPA before and after placement in Hope House program.
- Divert from criminal/juvenile justice system by decreasing number of arrests and VOPs; measured by arrests and VOPs before and after placement in Hope House program.

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?

Standard penalties apply.

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

For Profit Entity

Non Profit 501(c)(3)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)

Local Entity



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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