



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2238

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds are requested to purchase land and build a community of foster homes based on our Hope House model. One Hope United (OHU) proposes to provide services to male teens who are dually dependent and delinquent. 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 therapeutic homes will be youth friendly with amenities and resources that meet their complex needs to create 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 | 3,000,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,000,000 |

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) | 3,000,000 | 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 | 3,000,000 | 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

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.

N/A

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 | Consultants would be necessary for land development, engineers, designers, and general contractors. | 300,000 |
| 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 | Land and construction costs. | 2,700,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,000,000 |

14. Program Performance

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

To purchase land and build a community of foster homes based on 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 outcomes including decrease in youth arrests and increase in school attendance and performance while reducing baker acts and run-away episodes. As an overlay to the program, OHU proposes to implement the Trauma Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) as the framework for the 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. The number of youth expected to be served will be 50-100.

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