



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2391

1. Project Title Crossroads Academy - Infrastructure Improvements due to Hurricane Damage for Foster Care Delivery

2. Senate Sponsor Ben Albritton

3. Date of Request 02/10/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Our foster home campus on Babcock Ranch (Forever Florida Lands) that serves teenage foster boys needs several renovations, including several new roofs, 2 new septic systems, and improvements to our parking lot and driveway. Our other foster home campus (Nix Campus) located in town needs an indoor recreation area for our teens to use during inclement weather. We already have a local church fundraising for us to build an indoor basketball court to be used additionally as a space for our Christmas and monthly birthday parties for our boys.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,300,000

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)	1,300,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	140,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,440,000	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.

We already fund-raise about \$290,000 per year to support normal operations. We also write for multiple grants per year

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.

Payroll Protection Program, \$224,000 to assist with employee payroll.

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?

August 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Spring 2024

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.

Crossroads Hope Academy

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	Salaries for increased demand for services.	300,000
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	Babcock campus: Replace dorm roofing, cafeteria roofing, soffit and fascia, outdoor recreation building roofing, and (2) aging septic systems. Repair parking lot and driveway, add security camera systems on campus, repair landscaping and drainage ditch around campus, repair slab under outdoor recreation building, resurface basketball court, and replace aged outdoor recreation equipment. Nix Campus: repair parking lot, repair soffit and fascia board, add security camera.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,300,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Rehabilitation of the foster facility on Forever Florida Lands. Hurricane Ian destroyed parts of our facility and our two aging campuses also need improvements. Our facilities serve boys ages 12-17 years old who, on average, have been placed in 14 homes prior to arriving at our facility. As a result, trauma-informed care and therapies along with an enriched learning environment are necessary. All of these things require a stable, safe, and working infrastructure.

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

Currently there is no indoor space for recreation at our new campus. The new building will have a dual purpose of giving us an indoor space for our Christmas and monthly birthday parties.

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

Continued quality care of a marginalized population: teen foster boys.

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

A total of 48 teen foster boys will be served.

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

An indoor recreational facility will promote physical activity and a sense of community which improves mental health. It will also provide a safe and secure environment for the boys to study and learn. 20% of foster boys are incarcerated by the age of 22. Improvements to our facilities allow us to take on more kids and provide them with skills to be successful in life and avoid a life of crime. Currently, we have a less than 2% of our graduates in the criminal system.

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?

Repayment of the appropriations funding.

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
☐ University or College
☐ Other (please specify)



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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