



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. Title of Project: Voices for Florida: Open Doors Outreach Network for Commercially Sexually Exploited (CSE) Children and Young Adults

2. Senate Sponsor: Denise Grimsley

3. Date of Submission: 11/10/2017

4. Project/Program Description:

Continues the statewide coordinating office to serve sexually exploited and trafficked victims, age 10-24, and provides matching funds for direct services by Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) dollars. This request will expand services from 650 to more than 1,000 victims; double the number of counties from 19 to 40 where Open Doors is available; and leverage federal (VOCA) funds on a 4:1 ratio, resulting in \$4-million. The success of Open Doors relies on the coordination of state and federal funds for service coordination across systems, timeliness of services, consistent protocols, ed/training, and QA, all of which didn't exist to the degree needed in FL. The statewide lead agency is Voices for Florida, established in 1976. Subcontracted providers for Open Doors include Children's Home Society (CHS) of the Big Bend; Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; The Porch Light; More Too Life; CHS of SW FL; and CHS of Greater NR FL. Expanded counties will result in additional providers.

5. State Agency Contacted? Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,800,000		1,800,000

7. Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	4,100,000	69.5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	4,100,000	69.5 %

8. Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds): 5,900,000

9. Previous Year Funding Details:



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 2
- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18		
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		1,140,000	1,140,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

\$2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network assists recovered victims of sexual exploitation and supports them on their road to recovery and reduces further reliance on governmental, health, criminal justice and other services. Open Doors is aligned with reports from the Statewide Council of Human Trafficking, led by Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, and OPPAGA: (1) Florida needs a statewide coordinated system such as Open Doors to address the multiplicity of needs of trafficked and exploited victims; (2) Florida's system for serving commercially trafficked and exploited children and young adults is fragmented, and its ability to coordinate care across systems is weak. (3) Continued funding streams are needed to implement and sustain an effective statewide response. Documented support includes DCF, DJJ, DOH, law enforcement, child welfare and juvenile justice agencies, faith community, Guardian Ad Litem, and a broad range of community stakeholders.

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

Coordinated system serving both male and female victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and sex trafficking, ages 10-24. Upon identification and referral, victims receive direct care from the Open Doors Outreach Team, consisting of Survivor-Mentors, Regional Advocates and Clinicians. The team is on call 24/7 to provide immediate crisis intervention along with day-to-day trauma-based/tested care management. The Open Doors statewide coordinating office establishes shared measurement practices, partners with regional direct



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service providers and cross-sector stakeholders to engage community members; and is providing/developing education and training programs centered on learning outcomes that will increase comprehension and application. VFF also coordinates and administers monitoring and evaluation activities, and works to mobilize public and private financial resources to support services and programs for the Open Doors Outreach Network.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Statewide President	112,057
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Open Doors Statewide Director	90,110
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative expenses necessary to support Statewide President and Open Doors Statewide Director	52,356
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subcontracted support in the areas of Process Management, Development of a Housing/Shelter Model, Technology Augmentation, Public Awareness, Survivor Mentor Employment, Technology, Language Translation, Curriculum Support, Training Operational Costs:	179,792
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Training, Compliance, Quality Assurance, Support Services to support Open Doors direct services to victims in 40 counties	420,870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses necessary to support statewide Training,	212,850



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	Compliance, Quality Assurance and Support Services	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Matching funds to pull down the 4:1 match requirement for VOCA funds to support direct services in 9 regions and 40 counties throughout the state	731,965
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,800,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Expand services from 650 to more than 1,000 victims of sexual exploitation, ages 10 to 24 and double the number of counties from 19 to 40 where Open Door services are available. Regions and counties currently involved with Open Doors include: Big Bend (Leon, Bay); NE Florida (Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Baker, Clay); North Coastal (Flagler, Volusia); Central Florida (Orange, Osceola, Brevard, Polk); Suncoast (Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Pinellas); and SW Florida (Collier, Lee). New counties to be added include: Broward, Palm Beach, Charlotte, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Lake, Marion, Alachua, Putnam, Taylor, Madison, Jefferson, Gadsden, Liberty, Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton.

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

Sexually exploited and sex trafficked children and young adults age 10-24 in the identified 40 county service area. Both dependent and non-dependent "community" children are eligible for services. Services to be provided for both suspected and verified cases. It is estimated that the following number of victims will receive services identified: Information and Referral: 900; Total Care Management Services: 600; Emotional Support or Safety Services: 600; Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance: 450; Training and Education: 500 (includes staff, stakeholders and community members); Public Awareness: 250,000

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network assists recovered victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking on their road to recovery and reduces further reliance on governmental, health, criminal justice and other services. Voices for Florida has adopted several proven processes for tracking, monitoring, measuring and reporting performance outcomes. On a monthly basis, Voices for Florida on behalf of the Open Doors 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. Voices for Florida will also



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track performance measures related to education and training; needs of victims based on assessment results and tracking of referrals made for services.

- g. 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 in the contract?**

Cancellation of Contract

- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

There is no direct or indirect fixed capital outlay funding included in this GR Appropriations Request

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- b. **County:** Leon
- c. **Organization Type:**
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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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