



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1612

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Since 2000, Thelma Gibson Health Initiative, Inc. (TGHI) has been helping low-income residents find health and living solutions, strengthen families, develop proactive behaviors, complete job training and find employment and housing. TGHI's Passport Program is a roadmap of 60 tasks and workshops designed to develop organized and proactive behaviors, find health and living solutions, and create a path to financial stability. Our Passport Model helps to maximize participants' quality of life promoting healthy living, self-sufficiency & job skills training to ensure long term success. We develop an individualized plan incorporating on-site & home related services & activities: Assessment/Prioritization of Need; Targeted Care Coordination Services; Individual/Group Sessions; Advocacy/Empowerment; Education on Topics Related to Housing, Financial Literacy, Parenting, Safety and Skillbuilding.

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

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="189,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>189,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="189,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="115,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="30"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="74,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="20"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>378,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>			

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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**10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Funding award will occupy 10% of the project head's salary/benefits. \$35 hr x 2,080 (40 hr per week for 52 weeks) = \$72,800 - 10% of \$72,800 = \$7,280 Reduced Benefit Package, FICA/MICA 5.5% of full salary = \$4,004	11,284
Other Salary and Benefits	Funding award will occupy 10% of one business manager's salary/benefits. \$22.50 hr x 2,080 (40 hr per week for 52 weeks) = \$46,800 - 10% of \$46,800 = \$4,680 Reduced Benefit Package, FICA/MICA 5.5% = \$2,574	7,254
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	One intake/assessment & vocational/housing specialist to work with families - \$27.50 hr x 2,080 (40 hr per week for 52 weeks) = \$57,200 - 100% of \$57,200 = \$57,200 - Benefit Package, FICA/MICA 5.5% of full salary = \$3,146 One (1) p/t/recruiter/field worker - \$20 hr X 520 (10 hr wk x 52 weeks) = \$10,400 Benefit Pkg, FICA/MICA 5.5% of salary = \$572	131,664
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment for services to include 2 laptops (\$391 each = \$782) Passport model program supplies and material consisting of paper, pencils, handouts, copies and other instructional materials (\$25 per participant x 72 participants = \$1,800) Travel/Mileage averaged at 6 miles per client x 72 participants = 432 miles x \$.50 per mile = \$216 Other expense includes program certification and benchmark achievement for 72 participants x \$500 per = \$36,000	38,798
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>189,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

TGHI is dedicated to improving lives in low-income neighborhoods with programs for critical needs, better health, new skills, jobs, housing and economic stability. By improving physical health, mental health, quality of education, enhancing economic self sufficiency and helping participants navigate through social and health service benchmarks, we ensure family stabilization.

TGHI employs a caring and experienced group of professionals including Masters Level Counselors, Certified Behavior Analysts, Case Managers, and Vocational Training Staff. We are dedicated to moving each client forward towards healthy, more skilled, and better organized lives, helping them find jobs which can lead to a career and a successful life.

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

TGHI addresses nutrition and healthcare issues in its health counseling and classes and in family intervention programs. We assist and teach clients ways to avoid illness and injury, how to access affordable health care, dental care and health insurance. TGHI fights HIV/AIDS, substance abuse and risky behavior with counseling. We help clients retain or upgrade their current living situation, and we improve their budgeting and financial skills, and provide them job training and placement.

SAMPLE PROGRAM SCRIPT: Intake and Assessment x 1 session; Care Coordination and Case Management 1 to 4 sessions per months x 4 to 9 months. These sessions include, comprehensive 'Passport Program' focusing on social service strengthening and navigation, job training, housing application areas and aftercare to strengthen both the family and the application/applicant. Exit session and evaluation x 1 session

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

We assist and teach clients ways to avoid illness and injury, how to access affordable health care, dental care and health insurance. Our agency staff conducts prevention and harm reduction programs that provide condom distribution and needle exchange, and counseling to help individuals assess their risk and decide on a personalized prevention plan. We help clients retain or upgrade their current living situation, and we improve their budgeting and financial skills, and provide them job training and placement. We partner with owners of low-cost housing to improve the performance of those renters who have had problems or are late rent payers and provide training in financial literacy, computer skills, and reading and math.

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

This program will focus on 86 individuals and families. The clientele consists of adults, seniors and families with children.

Our services are provided throughout Senate District 37 in Miami, Florida. We work with low-income communities where 1 in 4 families battle poverty, unemployment, illiteracy, poor nutrition, drug addiction, HIV, teen pregnancy, crime, hopelessness, and a fear that they will never escape poverty. Over 50% of this group is unemployed or under-employed, have deficiencies in practical and social skills, and many also deal with addiction, criminal histories, emotional disorders and violence.

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

Our program is designed for our clients to reduce stress, improve health, mental health and enhance foundational skills and tools necessary to resolve crises and avoid future hardships through improved family functioning, improved employability and housing. This is accomplished by providing clients with a variety of supportive services at no cost.

TGHI's staff work with each individual/family and after an initial evaluation session, then complete a comprehensive service plan based upon the initial assessment(s), which include health, social service, behavioral, employability, housing, legal, mental health and educational needs, as applicable along with any other special needs identified.

### 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 in the contract?

Awardee will reimburse state funding for non-performance of contract for failing to meet any deliverables



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12. **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.**

No relationship

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.