



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1184

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

4. Project/Program Description

Voices for Florida Open Doors Outreach Network provides services to victims of sex trafficking age 10-24 in 32 Florida counties. This funding request supports the statewide office to coordinate services to victims, and provides matching funds for the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, which supports the cost of direct services to victims. This request will expand services from 1200 to over 1600 victims; resume services in the 32 Counties where Open Doors is available; and leverage \$2,302,219 in federal (VOCA) funds. The success of Open Doors relies on the coordination of state and federal funds for service coordination across systems, timeliness of services, consistent services protocols, ed/training, quality assurance, all of which didn't exist to the degree needed in FL prior to the program. The statewide lead agency is Voices for Florida, established in 1976. Subcontracted providers for Open Doors include Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center; One More Child and More Too Life.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,534,365
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,534,365

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,534,365	40%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,302,219	60%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,836,584	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	1,250,000	1318	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

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

COVID Cares Act funding received in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for Personal Protection Equipment.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Statewide President	115,062
Other Salary and Benefits	Open Doors Outreach Network Statewide Director	105,975
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative Expenses necessary to support Statewide President and Open Doors Outreach Network Statewide Director	28,551
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Subcontracted support in the areas of program/process improvement, education and training, technology, public awareness	282,607
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Education and Training Director; Program Coordinator; Compliance & Auditing Director; Information and Outreach Specialist, Education and Training Coordinator.	370,261
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses necessary to support statewide training, compliance, quality assurance, & support services	56,354
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Matching funds to pull down the 4:1 match requirement for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funds to support direct services in 32 counties and 6 regions.	575,555
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,534,365

12. Program Performance

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

The Open Doors Outreach Network assists victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) and supports their immediate and ongoing needs while further reducing their reliance on governmental, health, criminal justice and other. Open Doors is aligned with reports from the Statewide Council of Human Trafficking, led by Fl. Attorney General, and OPPAGA: (1) Florida needs a statewide coordinated system such as Open Doors to address the multiplicity of needs of CSE victims; (2) Florida's system for serving CSE children and young adults is fragmented and coordination 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 other stakeholders. Over 1200 victims have been served since 2017. It is estimated that this appropriation will support services to a total of 1,600 victims.

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

Coordinated network of services serving 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-competent care management. Services provided to victims include counseling, mentoring, court advocacy, crisis intervention, and other mobile services to meet the individual needs of each victim served. Voices for Florida serves as the statewide coordinating office, providing fiscal oversight, education and training to staff working with victims, setting the service delivery protocols, oversight and quality assurance, grant management, etc.

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



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Mobile services that are available 24/7/365 to meet the individual and ongoing needs of victims of sex trafficking referred to the program. Access to services will expand from 1,200 to more than 1,600 victims of sexual exploitation, ages 10 to 24 in 32 counties. Regions and counties served by Open Doors include: NE Florida (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns); Central Florida (Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, Sumter); Suncoast (Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota); and SW Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Lee); Big Bend (Bay, Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla); North Coastal (Flagler, Putnam, Volusia).

d. 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 32 county service area. Both dependent and non-dependent "community" children are eligible for services. Services to be provided for both suspected and verified cases of trafficking. It is estimated that by the end of 2022, we will have provided a total of 274,290 hours of services to identified victims. The number of services provided includes, but is not limited to the following areas: Information and Referral: 6,200 ; Emotional Support or Safety Services: 4,500; Criminal/Civil Justice System Assistance: 1,400. Additionally we provide ongoing training, education, and public awareness for team members and the community.

e. 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 identified victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking upon referral 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 on behalf of Open Doors 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 track performance measures related to education and training; needs of victims based on assessment results and tracking of referrals made for services; services needed but not available/not eligible for victims of sex trafficking; and long term outcomes including involvement with DCF (permanency, wellbeing, and safety), DJJ, Law Enforcement, etc.

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?

Cancellation of Contract or withholding of funds

13. 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.

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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number