



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1226

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Host Homes for Homeless Youth is an intensive program that provides parent education and family reunification, helps manage problems, and works with students who are at risk or already experiencing homelessness. Miami Bridge would provide host homes as an intervention for youth who are currently experiencing homelessness for various reasons including family conflict, poverty, gender identification and sexual orientation. The goal of our host homes is to provide a safe, temporary welcoming space for up six months. This would give program youth the time and opportunity to repair their relationship with self-identified family members or explore other housing options with the support and guidance of caring staff. The Host Homes process is an intensive, individualized care management process for youth with serious or complex needs who are experiencing homelessness. This program conducts universal screening of all youth and targets youth ages 16 to 21 who may have high needs.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	20%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	200,000	319A	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.

Due to the pandemic our funding sources are limited to other components of our program. The agency has no additional funding source to support this project.



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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.

Through our federal grant for Runaway and Homeless Youth we received \$40,000. These funds were used for youth supplies, CDC specific requirements such as masks, PPE, shelter cleanings and maintaining quarantine rooms if outbreaks occur.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Finance Director will oversee invoices, payments and other financial aspects of program.	6,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	1 Host Home Coordinator who seeks safe, temporary, welcoming space for youth. 2 Case Managers who provide case management, independent living skills and family strengthening services for a total of 50 youth.	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	20 host stipends \$600/month for average of 5 months; 20 youth welcome kits @ \$50 each; 20 transportation + home visits @ \$50/youth.	62,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	20 training costs, evaluation, youth stipends, outreach, legal, and travel costs.	12,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

12. Program Performance

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

In accordance with the mandate to end homelessness by 2020, funds will be used to seek permanency housing and services for the most vulnerable, difficult-to-place youth, ages 16 to 21. Youth who are waiting for permanent housing will receive mental health counseling (as needed) and services to prepare them for independent living including case management, job readiness, academic advisement and placement, and wraparound services.

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

Case Managers will provide services to youth in the areas of counseling, community support groups, case management and intensive in-home services and parenting sessions. Additionally, Needs Assessments and Service Plans are developed with the youth to assist them in meeting their educational, employment, housing and well-being needs.

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

Training will be provided to community members who volunteer to participate in housing the youth. On-going case management services, counseling, trouble shooting and oversight is provided to the youth and will be offered to the host family. There will be collaboration with partner organizations, the opportunity to attend community meetings and on-going support and consultation.

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



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The target population includes 30 youth, ages 16-17 who have been, or are at serious risk of removal from their homes and require more intensive in-home services to prevent removal. It is the intent of this program to provide intensive case management and support for parents, relatives and non-relatives in order to prevent youth removal. In addition, we are serving 20 youth, ages 18 to 21 who are awaiting permanent housing. These youth are representative of the dependency system that have no permanent connections and may end up homeless upon exiting the system.

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

1. To obtain stable housing for the youth. 80% of youth exiting the program will transition to a family, friend or permanent home where they feel safe and satisfied about their housing situation. 2. Improve quality of education. 80% of youth participating in the program will demonstrate academic progress (pursue GED/HS Diploma/enroll in Vocational Program). 3. Job Opportunity. 85% of youth will participate in a job readiness program or obtain a part-time job during the program and continue employment 30 days post completion of 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?

Failure to meet performance measures may lead to corrective action and possibly contract termination.

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.

N/A



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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