



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1473

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Single Moms make up the majority of single parents in the United States. One in 4 children under age 18 (about 16.4 million) are being raised by a single mom. These mothers, many of whom live in poverty, don't know where to find help. Poverty rate for single-mother families in 2017 was 34%, nearly five times more than the rate (6%) for married-couple families. Sanctuary of Moses presents The Choice to mentor and connect single mothers to resources and opportunities in the community. The goal is to empower them to raise holistic children in a functional environment and prepare them with the proper tools to raise responsible adults to positively contribute to society. The main focus of CHOICE is to: 1) Mentor single moms; 2) Connect single moms to necessary resources; 3) Provide access to educational opportunities, job training including Apprenticeships, financial management, etc.; 4) Help to create Community Co-ops (food, clothing, babysitting, etc.).

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	675,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	675,000

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)	675,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	675,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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?

No

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Payroll and benefits for a seasoned professional to plan, lead and organize Choice initiatives in support of single mothers and their children. Oversight and administration of the program plan; lead and organize staff and volunteers. Seek partnerships, coordinate development opportunities and oversee outreach.	85,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Payroll and benefits for support staff to assist executive director and the board in meeting Choice goals to empower single Moms and children of single mother households. Clerical support, office management, support research.	65,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Outreach to single mothers in the community and participation in key events, develop strong partnerships to boost support for single mothers and children. Office supplies, travel, computers, printers, furniture and vehicle(s).	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Counseling, job-skills training, study to measure dynamics of the change in family structural support on society, study on impact of Choice services, resource connections, etc.	100,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Payroll plus benefits for a seasoned professional to propel the Choice mission. Manage day-to-day operations.	75,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Outreach to single mothers. Furniture, laptops, phones, website management, etc.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Services necessary to enhance the Choice mission to empower and support single mothers and their children. Nutritional services, soft-skills training, mental health services, counseling, childcare services, etc. Social media specialist.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		675,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of The Choice is to mentor and connect single mothers to resources and opportunities in the community. The goal is to empower them to raise holistic children in a functional environment and prepare them with the proper tools to raise responsible adults to positively contribute to society. The main focus of is to: 1) Mentor single moms; 2) Connect single moms to necessary Resources; 3) Provide access to educational opportunities, job training including apprenticeships, financial management, etc.; 4) Help to create Community co-ops (food, clothing, babysitting, etc.).

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

Mentoring, soft-skills training, job/Apprenticeship/education assistance, counselling, connection to resources for food, housing, childcare, healthcare, etc.

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



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

Single mothers and their children. The goal is to provide outreach to 250 single mother households.

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

Empower single mothers by assisting heads of households to access needed resources and mentors to support in raising children and managing households. Resources include: childcare, health care, nutrition, counselling, job training, apprenticeship, soft-skills training, money management, etc. Mentors will be matched with single mothers using best practices with support of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Sanctuary will track end users and report on best practices. An annual report will be produced.

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?

Return funds to the state agency.

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