



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1725

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

4. Project/Program Description

Since we are the ONLY shelter in Hardee County, a rural underserved population, the following is needed to meet the needs of the growing homeless population: (a) Renovations to provide more private rooms in this Domestic Violence shelter for homeless women and children; (b) Improvements to the Greenhouse and tools to grow fruits and vegetables for the shelter clients; and (c) the addition of a new water Osmosis system to provide clean, safe water for drinking, bathing and to launder clothes. The shelter plans to provide at least three additional jobs to assist with the greenhouse operations to provide fruits, vegetables and plants to enable the shelter become self-sufficient.

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	21,460
Fixed Capital Outlay	60,000
Total State Funds Requested	81,460

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)	81,460	56%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,000	1%
Other	61,500	43%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	143,960	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?



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

\$12,700 PPP payroll funding through covid and approximately \$1,700 for Cares funding in 2020. Please note that our donations/grants were down by \$40,000 from 2019 to 2020. Our insurance costs about \$25,000 per year and utilities run about \$20,596 per year.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project head \$400 per week (8- week timeframe).	3,200
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance \$3600 and Electric \$1,600 for two months work.	5,260
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Greenhouse shade cloth and other items necessary for Greenhouse \$1500, Osmosis system \$10,000 (Raised \$1000 matching).	11,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Engineering Drawings, etc.	1,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation to add five bedrooms and 1 bathroom to house 10 more people in large recreational room. \$120,000 (\$60,000 matching funds).	60,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		81,460

12. Program Performance

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

The goals, in priority order, are as follows: (1) Provide more private rooms in the shelter to increase the number of people we can serve, without turning anyone away. (2) Provide clean, safe drinking, bathing, and laundry water for our shelter. (3) Provide at least 3 jobs in the near future for our clients as well as fresh fruits and vegetables for our clients in both the shelter and apartment complex.

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

A. More shelter rooms for homeless and/or domestic violence survivors and their children (5 to hold 2 persons each, if necessary). B. Clean water system for hard, sulfuric water in the country location of Hardee County (Shelter). C. Vocational skills training for any client who wants to learn about raising their own food/ plants, up to 3 positions in the near future after the greenhouse gets up and running-selling plants and/or fruits and vegetables to help provide their pay.

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

A. Safe, clean and private area for homeless and/or domestic violence survivors where they can be counseled, learn good nutrition habits, budgeting, meal planning, meal preparation, complete their education if they need to as well as finding jobs in the community and a more permanent place to live. B. Clean and safe drinking water. C. As above, vocational skills training for any client, help them learn to raise their own food in the future, as well as training them to work in agricultural or horticultural jobs in the future. At least 3 positions for future in the greenhouse.

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



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Homeless and or domestic violence survivors, women and their children of any race or creed. It varies from year to year about number served. Approximately 31 to 50 per month. The length of stay is according to their progress. The number looks small, but this is a small, rural and underserved community that needs these beds. In January 2020, we had to turn away 10 women, not including their children due to bed shortage. The remainder of the year averaged about five families per month. The average in the Greenhouse project would be about 5 to 8 per month.

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

A. Safe women and children off the street. We would measure by number of people on our waiting list and those we are serving. B. Clean and safe drinking water and measured by number of women and children in the shelter for the year-numbers are input in the Charity tracker system as well as the Health Department water analysis. C. Women will learn how to grow their own food and possibly go into an agricultural or horticultural job in their future. It will be measured by number of clients working or learning in the Greenhouse, amount of fruits and vegetables for the shelter as well as the amount of plants sold in the community.

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?

If we do not use the monies for the projects listed in this grants, monies will need to be repaid. Possibility of not being able to apply for this grant in the future.

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.

Alpha and Omega Freedom Ministries, Inc. is a S Corporation as well as a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. It is run by a Board of Directors and the Board has ownership of said properties. No one person or couple will receive any monies through the improvements in this project. For as long as we are in existence, the Board will make sure that there is a Homeless/ Domestic Violence Shelter in Hardee County.



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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