



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1861

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

New Life Village (NLV)'s Development Phase II expands its current housing project on its 12 acre campus. This is a construction project to build two residential buildings to house larger sibling groups of families affected by foster care. Kinship and foster-adoptive families live at NLV removing children from foster care or preventing them from entering the system. Residents are primarily low-income and most have been affected by multiple traumas. The two new buildings will comprise a total of 16 units with 12 3-bedroom units and four 4-bedroom units. New residents will have access to onsite holistic and therapeutic wrap-around services through NLV's program with a full program staff. This program aims to prevent the negative outcomes associated with foster care. A segment of NLV's population is seniors who have dedicated their retirement to supporting these families, offering an additional layer of support to the families.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,736,820	43%
Other	1,327,950	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	4,064,770	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.

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



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction costs for 16 new multi-family affordable housing units on the NLV campus. Soft costs have already been paid and pre-development has been executed. NLV completed a competitive bidding process in December 2020.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

This funding will prevent or remove children from foster care and support Family First Act initiatives to place children removed from the home with kin or with permanent placements. It will also grant these at-risk youth on-site access to wellness services to mitigate the effects of trauma in a holistic and therapeutic environment. The negative outcomes associated with foster care include things like lower graduation rates, higher unemployment rates, and increased likelihood for homelessness. The 16 units house approximately 60 children and an estimated 20 caregivers.

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

NLV has completed a preliminary survey, construction plans are finalized, and pre-development work is complete. NLV has completed a competitive bidding process to ensure that the best quality contractor with the best priced quote will be used for the project. A development team with a construction background is in place to oversee the execution of this project with NLV. NLV has secured \$1,736,820 in HOME funding from Hillsborough County affordable housing for this development project and has raised \$1,327,950 in private funding.

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

NLV's mission-based housing targets the vulnerable populations of at-risk youth affected by trauma/foster care. Residents have access to on-site services through New Life Village's Wellness, Resiliency, and Character Development Program. This program is designed to create daily connections and promote healing of trauma and family stability through access to services like after school tutoring, art therapy, sports mentoring, resource referrals, and more. This holistic program ensures that each child has a family that is supportive and supported. The village creates constant opportunities for all residents to build healing and trusting relationships with each other. NLV lives the proverb "it takes a village to raise a child."

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



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This project will serve approximately 80 new residents (in addition to the existing 105 residents), consisting primarily of at-risk youth who have either been prevented from entering or have been removed from the foster care system. The new units will be geared towards larger sibling groups affected by foster care who have a harder time finding placement because adoptive families don't have access to affordable housing that is large enough. Other populations served by this mission are low-income seniors.

These families will live in an intentional-neighborhood system that pairs each family with at least one dedicated senior who is there to support them in their needs. These seniors have dedicated their retirement to support these families and serve as surrogate grandparents, tutors, babysitters, etc., in order to strengthen the sense of family in the community.

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

Aside from the basic issue of affordable housing, this project will help positively impact the foster care crisis currently affecting the Tampa Bay community. Hillsborough and Pinellas counties lead the entire state as far as children being removed from the home. This model of intentional neighborhooding has the potential for replication in Florida. The outcome for this project will be measured by the number of families being brought to permanency (children prevented from entering/removed from foster care) as well as the outcomes achieved by their participation in the onsite Wellness, Resiliency, and Character Development Program like grade improvement, resource referrals, and other program participation metrics.

This model supports state initiatives for kinship placement and the wrap-around services are designed to mitigate the affects of trauma and foster care that can lead to negative outcomes like incarceration, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, and their children entering foster care.

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?

New Life Village will adhere to standard penalties and additionally will return any monies received.

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.

A non-profit entity owns the land outright and mortgage-free. Approximately 9 acres of the New Life Village campus are undeveloped. The undeveloped portion of the land is pad-ready with electric, water, and sewage components already installed by a previous developer.



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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