



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2041

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

4. Project/Program Description

Anchorage Children's Home of Bay County, Inc., has operated transitional living and maternity transitional programs for runaway and homeless youth between the ages of 16-22 in Bay County for over 14 years. These programs are federally funded grant programs and focus on serving one of the most vulnerable populations in a six county area (Bay, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun, and Gulf counties). This funding request is for the cost of construction of seven apartment/townhomes on the site of Anchorage Children's Home of Bay County located at 2121 Lisenby Ave., Panama City, FL 32405. The agency has been renting mobile homes after Hurricane Michael destroyed the apartments that the programs were previously housed in. Ownership of the apartments/townhomes will provide the needed stability to allow the agency to continue these critical services.

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	73%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	280,000	20%
Other	100,000	7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,380,000	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?

Yes

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

Anchorage Children's Home received a \$596,630.00 PPP loan. The loan was utilized to ensure that the agency could continue to employ all personnel that otherwise may have been at risk of loss of employment due to the negative financial impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 of the apartments/townhomes	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?

Youth homelessness is a prevalent issue in the State of Florida. This problem was amplified in Bay County by the devastating impacts from Hurricane Michael on affordable housing. The funds requested will be utilized to construct transitional housing units to specifically serve homeless youth and young adults (ages 16-22) in the identified six county service area (Bay, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, Calhoun, and Gulf). Up to 12 youth at a time can be served with the units that will be constructed and the units will provide stable housing as the staff in these programs work with the youth to transition into their own housing after completing transitional and maternity transitional living programs. Ultimately, these youth that were once homeless will now become productive members of the community (employment, educational pursuits, and beyond).

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

The purpose of these funds will be for the construction of apartments/townhomes. These units will provide housing for 16-22 year old homeless and/or runaway youth. The programs that will operate out of the constructed housing will be transitional living programs (for individuals and/or pregnant or parenting young adults and their children). Participants in the programs will receive a thorough needs assessment upon entering the program and a case plan will be established with goals which are directly related to the needs identified by the assessment. The programs will be 18 months long and participants will become employed and/or enrolled in an appropriate educational program that best fits their needs. Participants will be provided life skills training to improve in areas of deficiency and be required to save up to 80% of their net income in order to establish adequate funds for transition into their own stable housing upon completion of the 18 month program.

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



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In addition to stable housing, participants in the programs will receive case management services, counseling services, life skills training (to include proper budgeting and financial literacy), transportation assistance, enrollment assistance in pursuit of education, a diploma, or other certificates, assistance in prenatal care, enrollment into appropriate child care for their children, job prep/coaching, and obtainment of identification card (driver license and social security card if appropriate). Participants will be required to budget for their own monthly expenses (food and other standard expenses) and participate in the purchase of their own groceries. Please see section e. for additional services that may be provided. All of the above direct services will prepare all participants to transition into their own stable housing at program completion.

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

The target population to be served by these programs is homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 16-22 in Bay, Gulf, Washington, Holmes, Jackson, and Calhoun counties in northwest Florida. The programs will have the capacity to serve pregnant or parenting young adults as well. Annually the combined projects will serve an average of 45 homeless, runaway, and/or parenting or pregnant youth between the ages of 16-22.

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

The overall expected benefit or outcome of this project is the reduction of homeless and runaway youth in the community. Participants will realize improvements in the four outcome areas of stable housing, education/employment, permanent connections, and social and emotional well-being that include:

1. Intake comprehensive assessment, eligibility determination, and periodic review.
2. Basic life skills information, counseling, and training.
3. Interpersonal skill building to help youth develop permanent connections with peers, families, communities, schools, and other social networks.
4. Educational advancement (diploma, GED, or post-secondary). Vocational training to enhance job preparation and attainment.
5. Appropriate housing (rapid re-housing, permanent supportive, family, or treatment facility).
6. Money management, budgeting, credit counseling, and consumer education.
7. Physical, dental, and mental health care and substance abuse care aimed at prevention and treatment.

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?

The requested funding is being utilized to construct residential properties for homeless youth and young adults (ages 16-22). Anchorage Children's Home is accustomed to meeting contract deliverables and/or performance measures as it maintains several federal and state grants for services related to abandoned, abused and neglected youth. Given that this request directly relates to the cost of construction of residential transitional housing, the identified number of youth served will be the targeted deliverable. Additional deliverables relating to the services delivered (as outlined above) shall be established and the agency agrees to penalties that may be established that are reasonable and sustainable.

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.

Anchorage Children's Home is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization which is governed by a volunteer board of directors.



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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