



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1131

1. Project Title Miami Bridge Host Homes Program for Homeless Youth

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 10/20/2021

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 to six months. This would give program youth the time and opportunity to repair their relationships with 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 youths with serious or complex needs who are suffering from homelessness. This program conducts universal screening of all youth and targets youth ages 17-21 who may have high needs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	100,000	310A	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 300,000

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 sources to support this project.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1131

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.

This past fiscal year Miami Bridge was awarded the PPP Loan in the amount of \$373,275.00, which was used strictly for payroll costs. The previous year, 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, and shelter cleanings.

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	1 Host Home Coordinator who seeks safe, temporary, welcoming space for youth through matching host homes. 2 Case Managers who provide case management, independent living skills and family strengthening services for a total of 40 youth, of which 20 will live in host homes or reunite with family. Case Managers will meet with youth in the drop in centers.	143,368
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	10 host stipends \$600/mo for avg of 5 months 20 youth welcome kits @\$100 each; 20 transportation + home visits @\$100/youth; Emergency funds for temporary housing, light bills, food, etc. Supplies to address immediate needs for youth living in the street as a component of the drop-in.	83,632
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds used for consultants and contracted services for training of staff and host home volunteers, continued program development, expansion and evaluation.	23,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to prevent youth from living on the street. With previous funds received we exceeded our goal of serving 20 youth. Youth receive permanent housing, mental health counseling (as needed) and services to prepare them for independent, job readiness, academic support. Funds requested for this year are to maintain services, enhance wraparound services, and develop a youth drop-in center so that youth can meet, feel safe, clean up and receive emergency funds and support.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1131

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. Drop in Center will provide immediate aids and services to youth who have been on the streets, as well provide a safe space to meet with case managers.

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?

The target population includes 20 youth, age 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 18-21 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. Improve Self-Sufficiency. 85% of youth will participate in a job readiness program or obtain a part-time job during the program and continued employment 30 days post completion of program. 4. Improve mental health. 80% of youth demonstrate during the program and at exit avoidance of at-risk behaviors, access mental health services and have not placed themselves or others in imminent harm. Youth complete self-reports and/or surveys 30 days from program exit.

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 deliverables or performance measures may lead to corrective action up to and including contract termination. In our current contract funds are deducted from the invoice when performance measures are reviewed monthly.

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



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1131

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