



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2006

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Programming and services for victims of sex trafficking to include, but not limited to, residential safe housing, public education and awareness, outreach to victims on the streets and in jails, and youth prevention programs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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 2022-2023	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	500,000	1043	No

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.

Selah Freedom would need to raise more in donations from individuals, corporations and foundations if the State could not fund for these positions/services. It has been especially difficult campaigning for donations with the ongoing pandemic.

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

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



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\$502k received in 2020 and \$4.76k received in 2021. Funding received for both years were used for payroll, payroll benefits, rent and utilities.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversees all aspects of personnel, programming and services for victims of sex trafficking and exploitation. Salary \$90,000. ER Payroll Taxes and Benefit Costs: FICA & Medicare 7.65%; Health Ins \$5,400; Life Ins \$42; Workers' Comp Ins \$332.50; Total ER Taxes & Benefits \$13,042. Total Executive Director Cost \$108,042.	108,042
Other Salary and Benefits	3.0 FTE Prevention Program Staff Salary & Benefits \$157,747 3.5 FTE Awareness Program Staff Total Salary & Benefits \$324,634 Requesting \$239,931 1.0 FTE Clinical Program Director Salary & Benefits \$93,567 4.5 FTE Admin Staff HR, Grants & Finance Salary & Benefits \$363,666 Requesting \$258,571 FICA & Medicare 7.65% SUTA 1.03% on 1st \$7,000 Health Insurance \$450/mo/employee W.C. Ins Varied Rates	749,816
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program Printing - Training Packets \$1,724 Professional Liability Ins - covers sexual conduct, social services including counseling Requesting \$10,144	11,868
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Konsults HR Solutions - HR & Management Consultant \$50,000	50,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Operations Coordinator .25 fte, provides support directly to programs and services to victims of sex trafficking. Salary & Benefits \$53,200. Requesting 25% \$13,300 FICA & Medicare 7.65% SUTA 1.03% on 1st \$7,000 Health Insurance \$450/mo/employee W.C. Ins Varied Rates	13,300
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	4 laptop computers & accessories, 2 for Program expansion and 2 replacement of expired laptops.: Total \$4,000 1 HIPAA-Compliant Cloud Based Server/VPN for operating program, HR and Financial information in a secure environment. setup + user licenss Total \$12,000	41,974
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional IT Services Consultant \$25,000	25,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
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?



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

Victims will have doctor's visits, check-ups, and treatment, education and awareness on sex trafficking and youth prevention, support groups, safe houses to live in, essential needs to sustain life for clients. To have the ability to continue these victim services Selah Freedom must be resilient and have sustainability. We are purposefully building a strong infrastructure to ensure grant and other governing body compliance to have a consistent cash flow for providing services to these victims and for the prevention of future victims.

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

Residential safe housing provides safe housing and comprehensive restorative healing for women who are in sex trafficking. The women learn basic life skills, GED support, vocational and college training, therapeutic services, budgeting etc. in an effort for them to become contributing members of our community. Prevention programs are for youth 5-17 to teach them tactics used by predators and how to keep themselves safe from becoming a victims of traffickers and sexual assault. Outreach on the streets and in jails is in collaboration with local law enforcement. Women who are still in sex trafficking are able to receive support services in an effort to avoid further victimization. The outreach program included TYLA (Turn Your Life Around), a court diversionary program in collaboration with law enforcement, and the State Attorney's Office. Education and Awareness are programs presented to general public, law enforcement, judicial, youth, faith based community, student clubs-high schools.

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

Female victims of sexual exploitation. Included in this demographic are persons with poor mental health, persons who are jobless, economically disadvantaged, homeless, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and victims of crime. >400 victims are expected to be served. In addition, >1,400 youth ages 5-17 at risk of being sex trafficked are anticipated to be educated with prevention curriculum, and >900,000 from the general public to be provided with awareness and education about the issue of sex trafficking in America.

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

To improve physical health. 90% of clients will have doctor's visits for treatment of STD's, hepatitis, and annual exams. Improve mental health. 100% of residential clients will engage in therapeutic treatment. Improve quality of education. Over 50,000 people annually receive education/awareness on sex trafficking issues. To protect the general public from harm, enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency. 100% of clients served in residential programs are trained in an Employment Empowerment Program to successfully navigate employment with our employment partners. Reduce recidivism. 87% of clients will not return to the life after graduating the Selah Freedom Residential Program. Reduce substance abuse. 100% of women in programs will be substance free. Divert from criminal/juvenile justice system. 91% of youth participants indicate a greater understanding of sex trafficking and exploitation after participating in our training. Apricot Program tracks outcomes & measure

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?

Unsure of current methodology. Current grant penalty for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures is a 3% reduction of reimb. We suggest a one month warning, then a scaled reduction of 1%-3%, with 3% being the maximum rate of reduction, based on a scale of deliverables met. Example:
60% - 84% of projected deliverables met = 1% penalty
35% - 59% of projected deliverables met = 2% penalty
10% - 34% of projected deliverables met = 3% penalty
Any under 10% is either a start-up or is in need of review



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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