



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2482

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A Leap of Faith Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization focused on health equity and preventative health in minority and undeserved communities. A Leap of Faith proposes Community Coaches for HIV prevention to decrease current public health crisis of HIV infections and transmissions in Black and Brown communities within South Florida where the nation's highest concentration of new HIV cases exists. A Leap of Faith will hire and train trusted target community members as community health workers to provide health education, coaching, and linkage to HIV preventative and related health care services including to combat social determinants of health experiences by the target population. This project will decrease health risks, increase health protection, and improve health outcomes among Black and Brown individuals, particularly with respect to HIV and AIDS. In addition, this project will promote economic stability for the community lay members employed as community health worker

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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	350,000	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.

A Leap of Faith Foundation regularly applies for grant funds to support its operations and programs.



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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.

A Leap of Faith Foundation received 28,000 in federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding was used for personnel and operating costs associated with agency programming including a National HIV Testing event and a World AIDS Awareness event with at-risk minority communities in South Florida.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director salary and benefits	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Business manager salary and benefits	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative staff mileage reimbursement; Business travel, Insurance	14,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Employed one project coordinator as well as three community health workers salaries (\$130,000 - 1 X \$40,000 & 3 X \$30,000) and benefits (\$20,000)	150,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Programming and community event materials and supplies; Program staff mileage reimbursement; Staff training and professional development; Office space, equipment, supplies, and utilities; information technology, Printing and copying, Postage	72,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Human services programmatic and administrative consultation to assist with program planning, capacity building, implementation, and evaluation; Marketing consultation to assist with health and social media, marketing, and campaign	24,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

Through Community Coaches for HIV Prevention, A Leap of Faith Foundation seeks to enhance its delivery of effective HIV prevention services within Black and Brown communities in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. To accomplish this purpose, A Leap of Faith will employ community health workers (from among economically distressed Black and Brown community members) to reduce new HIV infections, transmissions, and diagnoses. A Leap of Faith will recruit, train, and supervise community health workers from within vulnerable communities. Employed community health workers will utilize a neighborhood approach to service provision, literally taking programming to the streets and delivering HIV education and prevention support face-to-face with individuals in at-risk and marginalized Black and Brown communities.

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



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Project services will be provided by community health workers who spend extensive time listening, understanding, relationship building, and responding in a relevant and meaningful manner through a trustworthy alliance and in partnership with the target population. Focusing on both risk and protective factors, HIV prevention education will address unhealthy attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors as well as precautions and increased access to accurate and reliable health information and support. Project community health workers will frequently connect individuals and families to local health centers for testing, examination, and ongoing care. Without this intervention, many would remain disconnected from wellness services and resources. In addition, a number of community events will be hosted to reach significant numbers of at-risk Black and Brown individuals and families at one time.

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

Through Community Coaches for HIV Prevention, community health workers will be the frontline change agents to reduce health disparities in underserved populations. They will offer individualized HIV-related education and supportive counseling, distribute condoms, and connect individuals with HIV-specific healthcare services and resources. They will follow-up with the individuals served to determine their HIV status and healthcare practices. Community health workers will provide culturally appropriate and trusted health education and information, help people get the care they need, give informal counseling and guidance on health behaviors and advocate for individual and community health needs. Since they typically reside in the community they serve, community health workers have the unique ability to bring information where it is needed most. They can reach community residents where they live, eat, play, work, and worship.

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

Community Coaches for HIV Prevention will effectively address and prevent HIV/AIDS in Black and Brown communities (particularly low income persons ages 16 to 80 of all gender identities and sexual orientations) in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. A Leap of Faith Foundation intends to reach 800 individuals with this project.

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

Community Coaches for HIV prevention will contribute to the reduction of HIV transmission within the Black and Brown communities of Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. 85% of individuals served will maintain HIV negative status, thereby reducing the Black and Brown HIV infection in Southeast Florida. Project performance and outcome will be measured through baseline and follow-up HIV testing. Individuals served by Community Coaches for HIV Prevention will also be surveyed regarding project satisfaction and benefit following service delivery.

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?

A Leap of Faith Foundation agrees to any and all standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures based on all contractual obligations.

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