



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2351

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of requesting the funding is to increase access to substance abuse treatment in Lee County. Increasing funding will allow the New Life Dream Center (NLDC) to hire additional counselors and social workers to accommodate additional students at the NLDC. 90% of graduates of the 12-month program remain drug-free. NLDC students will receive substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, employment training courses and assigned work responsibilities. NLDC provides a sober living transitional living accommodation. Those without a high school diploma are offered free GED classes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	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 2024-2025	450,000	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.

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



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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

Gaspar Anastasi, New Life Dream Center

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary for Director of the Program (\$40,000)	40,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Men's and Women's Center Program Managers (2 @ \$30,000)	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Independent 3rd Party Program Evaluation Consultant	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Addiction Counselors & Social Worker Salaries (5 @ \$50,000)	250,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Utilities, and Ground Maintenance	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of requesting the funding is to increase the immediate access to substance abuse treatment in Lee County. Increasing funding will allow the NLDC to hire additional counselors and social workers to accommodate additional students at the NLDC. 90% of graduates of the 12-month program remain drug-free.

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



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

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

Persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless, formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders (in criminal justice) victims of crime, general population. 101-200 individuals are expected to be served annually.

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

New Life students abide by a rigorous daily schedule and strict rules and regulations which help to instill self-discipline. Each day includes counseling, group therapy and assigned work responsibilities. Students are also required to attend various seminars on topics like Healing of Inner Hurts, Restoring Wholeness in Marriage, and Single Parenting. At the end of 12 months, NLDC releases into our community men and women equipped to be responsible fathers and mothers, reliable employees, better citizens in our society. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is the number of graduates who complete program and continue to live productive, sober lives.

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?

Return percentage of state dollars until deliverables or performance measures are met.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number