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Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1369

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Phoenix program offers a comprehensive approach to support survivors of human trafficking, emphasizing stability, safety, and self-sufficiency. The program provides low-demand short-term housing and rental assistance for up to 12 months ensuring survivors have a secure foundation to rebuild their lives.

1. Stabilizing Survivors: Survivors are provided with an immediate, safe environment where they can access care, essential services, and treatment if needed. This supportive space enables them to begin addressing the trauma they've experienced.

2. Facilitating Financial Independence: The program connects survivors to critical resources, including employment opportunities, and benefits, equipping them with the tools necessary to achieve financial stability.

3. Achieving Self-Sufficiency: Survivors receive assistance in securing permanent housing and developing the skills required for long-term self-reliance.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	32%
Matching Funds		
Federal	250,000	23%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	492,560	45%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,092,560	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	300,000	305A	No

9. Is future-year 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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Currently, there are no alternative funding sources available for Camillus House (CH) to sustain the Phoenix Human Trafficking Recovery Program at its current level of service delivery. CH remains committed to ensuring the program's continuity and will actively pursue additional revenue streams through private funding opportunities and federal grant allocations that align with the scope of applicable Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs).

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	.05 FTE: Director \$4784 Salary \$1340 Benefits	6,124
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	other- Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate 16.3%	57,050
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	2.10 FTE: Clinician, (2) Victim Advocate's and Program Supervisor	160,010
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Client Direct support: educational/vocational training expenses (registration, tuition, fees) and supplies (uniforms, equipment); transportation/bus passes for employment/housing search; facility costs; food; clothing; supplies; move out expenses. Staff Travel- local Program Supplies- supplies needed to conduct program activities Facility Costs- utilities, repairs & maintenance, insurance/liability	80,890
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Employment/Job skills services provided by CH internal workforce development program staff.	45,926
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Phoenix Human Trafficking Recovery Program aims to stabilize survivors, prevent chronic homelessness, and reduce re-victimization. CH will meet the existing need by providing victim-centered crisis stabilization services and transitional housing assistance to help survivors locate & secure housing and obtain economic independence. The program will also assist victims to integrate into their community by coordinating other community services to best meet the victim's needs.

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

Residential Services: A Three-Phase Approach Phase 1: Crisis Stabilization services include crisis intervention, housing navigation, nutrition, advocacy, transportation, and counseling. Staff assist with medical appointments, court proceedings, and accessing resources like financial aid, housing, and employment. The average stay is 45 days, (max of 180 days) tailored to individual needs. Phase 2: Short-Term Assistance- Survivors transition to scattered-site housing, leasing market-rate apartments in their own names. CH provides rental subsidies paid directly to landlords and continues in-home support, including skill-building for safety planning, budgeting, and housekeeping. This model enables survivors to remain in the unit after financial assistance ends, avoiding relocation. Phase 3: Follow-Up Support- For up to 3 months, clients can reconnect with advocates for resources, advocacy, and stabilization planning to maintain housing stability.

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

Support Services:
Advocacy: Victim Advocates help survivors secure financial aid, victim's compensation, housing, employment, healthcare, and other essential resources while advocating for their rights and needs.
Crisis Intervention: Staff provide in-person or phone support to develop safety plans and next steps during crises.
Supportive Counseling: Confidential, non-judgmental counseling empowers survivors to make informed decisions.
Case Management: Advocates use a strength-based approach to set and achieve goals, promote self-reliance, and reduce dependence on governmental programs, meeting clients at least twice monthly to evaluate progress and adjust plans.
Transportation: Provided for medical, legal, employment, and other essential appointments when no other options are available.
Information and Referrals: Advocates connect survivors to resources for unmet needs like childcare, education, housing, and employment to support self-sufficiency.

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

The Phoenix Program supports trafficking victims aged 18 and older, referred by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, other SAOs, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and law enforcement. These individuals, often homeless or at risk of homelessness, are provided a safe space to access care, treatment, and services while preparing to serve as victim-witnesses in trials against traffickers. Serving approximately 30 individuals annually, the program operates as a state-wide resource, accepting referrals from across Florida to maximize its impact and support survivors' recovery and stability.

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

Expected Outcomes: Safe, stable housing and independence. Improved self-esteem and reduced vulnerability to exploitation. Increased access to financial, employment, and educational resources. Long-term self-sufficiency through skill-building and resource connections. Measuring Outcomes: Housing Stability: Track the number of participants securing stable housing at program exit. Employment and Income: Measure the percentage of participants gaining employment, completing training, or securing benefits. Crisis Response: Document crisis interventions and the resolution of immediate safety concerns. Service Engagement: Monitor participation in counseling, skill-building, and case management sessions. Satisfaction Surveys: Collect feedback to assess the effectiveness of advocacy, support services, and overall program impact. Data will be collected through case management records, follow-up evaluations, and participant self-reports to ensure continuous program improvement and goal alignment.



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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 in the contract?

As outlined in the contract, corrective action plans may be required to address noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. If corrective actions are not implemented or progress is deemed unacceptable, penalties may be imposed. Penalty increments will be determined based on the severity of the noncompliance that necessitated the corrective action plan, unless the Department identifies extenuating circumstances that warrant an exception. This ensures accountability while allowing flexibility for unforeseen challenges.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information



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a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.