



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1355

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Lifeboat Project has been in the fight against human trafficking in for 11 years. The agency provides a safe space for adults who are victims of human trafficking, regardless of gender, faith, racial-ethnic background, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. The agency serves men, women, mothers and children, and LGBTQ+. Human trafficking has disproportionately impacted women and children. In 2022, Lifeboat addressed this inequity by dedicating services to homeless trafficked mothers and their children. The Lifeboat Project provides targeted case management through a survivor-centered, trauma informed continuum of care. Targeted case managers begin working with survivors after initial intake, assessment, crisis management, and housing placement at the center.

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	515,960
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	515,960

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)	515,960	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	515,960	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	286,220	315	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.



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The Lifeboat Project, Inc. will continue to use revenues generated from fundraising, events, donations, local grants, and corporate charitable sponsorships in lieu of state funding. Small sources of funding include income from low-income affordable apartment units paid by income-qualified survivor families that reintegrated to the community who live in Lifeboat-owned properties. Survivor families are not charged any fees for direct services. Lifeboat pays all costs for direct services.

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.

The Lifeboat Project, Inc. was awarded \$187,500 in American Rescue Plan Act funding from Seminole County, FL in 2022 to respond to the negative economic impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency on agency operations and program services for homeless victims and survivors of human trafficking. Agency operations were impacted with a decrease in essential staff for client services and an increase demand for housing trafficked mothers with children.

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	0.5 FTE CEO @ \$27,000 plus 30% fringe (\$8,100) CEO is essential to oversight of nonprofit agency operations, works with Board of Directors, senior and general staff management, public relations, & ensuring the maintain appropriate standard of survivor-centered services and care.	35,100
Other Salary and Benefits	0.5 FTE Director of Grants & Compliance @ \$24,000 plus 30% fringe (\$7,200) = \$31,200 0.5 FTE Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) @ \$24,000	55,200



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Copier Lease \$350/per month X 12 months = \$4,200 for Xerox VersaLink C7130 30PPM COLOR MFP. Reduce costs for outsourcing printing program and event related materials. Computers - \$1,250/each for laptop computer X 4 = \$5,000. 2 laptop computers for program staff for direct services and 2 for administrative staff. Lifeboat runs on donated technology and has never leased/purchased any new technology.	9,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Communications and Public Relations Consultant \$750 per month fee X 12 months - \$9,000 Website Consultant \$600 per month fee X 12 months = \$7,200 Philanthropy Consultant \$3,000 per month X 12 months = \$36,000	52,200
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	0.5 VP Operations and Program Services @\$25,000 plus 30% fringe (\$7,200) = \$32,200 3.0 Targeted Case Manager @ \$45,000 plus 30% fringe (13,500) = \$58,500 1.0 Maintenance Manager for Lifeboat Properties @ \$42,000 plus 30% fringe (\$12,600) = \$54,600	262,300
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel 500 miles @ 0.66 per mile/per month \$330 X 12 months = \$3,960 Mileage for program services including mobile food pantry services, monthly housing visits, and emergency relocation of survivor families when no other transport is available. Office Supplies \$150 every 3 months X 4 = \$600 Allocation for pens, pencils, copy paper, note pads, etc. for staff, programs, and survivors.	4,560
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Licensed Mental Health Counselor for Trauma-Informed Therapy \$5,500 per month X 12 months = \$71,500 plus 30% fringe (\$20,900) = \$92,400 Lived Experience Expert (Human Trafficking Survivor Expert) = \$5,000	97,400
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		515,960

14. Program Performance

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

The program will provide longer-term housing options with after care and services for homeless trafficked survivors including trauma-informed mental health counseling to prevent revictimization and exploitation. Due to the nature of the unpredictable circumstances of trafficking situations, domestic violence shelters for women are not appropriate. Once rescued, survivors receive housing in a safe environment at the center with access to medical, mental health, dental care, and educational/vocational opportunities as immediate necessities to move on with new lives of sustained freedom.

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

The services provided are long-term housing with all basic needs met in order to keep homeless trafficked survivors protected and safe. The center provides low-barrier entry housing for survivors for up to 6 months or one year with emphasis on gaining employment or enrolled in school. Longer stays are based on need. Survivors are provided the opportunity to focus on self-care, self-sufficiency, and independence in a safe, secure home environment that is free of threats and coercion. Once stable, the survivor is assisted with low-income affordable housing to reintegrate back into the community with support services.

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



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The Lifeboat Project incorporates the housing-first model of homeless/housing engagement, which puts the emphasis on moving human trafficking survivors into low-barrier housing and providing immediate wraparound services and support. The direct services provided include, but are not limited to, targeted case management, safe residential housing, transitional housing, crisis management, mental health counseling, education assistance, job assistance, advocacy, victim services, financial management classes, life skills, and reintegration into the community with low-moderate income housing.

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

The vulnerable target population to be served is forced labor and sex trafficking victims and homeless human trafficking survivors. The Breakwater Center for Women and Children has the capacity to serve up to 14 mothers and children annually. Our new Safe House opening by January 2024, will house up to 7 additional women. We continue to serve 30 individual community clients monthly with trauma informed therapy and educational support. Housing survivors in a safe environment with 24 hour / 7 day a week trauma-informed mental health counseling helps to prevent revictimization.

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

The expected benefit of this program is keeping families unified in safe housing with positive opportunities for growth, self-sufficiency and stabilization while addressing the trauma of trafficking in order to sustain and maintain their freedom with the opportunity to be citizens in our community. The outcome of this project will be measured by the number of survivors participating in housing, mental health services, targeted case management sessions, financial management classes, victim services, advocacy services, education assistance, and job assistance. In addition to the above services, the new safe house will give survivors the opportunity to reunite with their children after their wrap-around services are completed.

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?

The Lifeboat Project, Inc. strives to meet all deliverables and standards. Being certified by the state of Florida, failing to meet these standards would jeopardize our ability to assist survivors as a certified safe house in the state of Florida.

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



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Other (please specify)

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