



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1098

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Lighthouse of Collier intends to serve twenty five or more clients with blindness or vision loss, who want to maintain independence in their homes. We would utilize a full-time equivalent, Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) or Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) or OT with certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation, to provide 1:1 instruction in ADL's (Activities of Daily Living) to enable clients to function independently within their homes. This project would fund the salary for said instructor and adaptive aids for the home.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	90,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	90,000

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)	90,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	60,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	150,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	90,000	49	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Donations or grants

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

Yes



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

Payroll Protection Program, to cover payroll and overhead expenses. 2020 PPP was \$75,540 and 2021 PPP was \$93,227.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	A Full-time Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) or Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) or OT with certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation.	85,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Adaptive Aid Equipment to assist in independent living at home.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		90,000

12. Program Performance

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

To provide training in home for visually impaired citizens to remain independent in their homes. The majority of training would be in their home but may take place at our center if needed.

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

Educational services in client's homes to help maintain their independence. The majority of training would be in their home but may take place at our center if needed.

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

Clients will be given on average anywhere from 3 to 15 lessons on ADL's (Activities of Daily Living). Length of training depends on severity and speed of onset and ability to remain independent in their home.

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

Visually Impaired and Blind citizens of Collier County and surrounding areas. Approximately 25-45.

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

A Comprehensive Functional Assessment which helps to determine goals is completed with the therapist before lessons are started and after training is complete. Therapist will consider a goal met when a client can master said goal 3 out of 3 times. Overall program success is measured by at least 85% of the participants meeting their individual goals.

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?



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None

- 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



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Lighthouse of Collier

Proposed Legislative item – 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

Amount Requested - \$90,000

11/22/2021

Project Overview

Purpose of Project:

The primary purpose of this Project is to provide the salary for the employment of a full-time Certified Vision Rehabilitation Therapist (CVRT) or Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) or OT with certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation, to carry out individualized services to visually impaired and blind citizens of Collier County and the surrounding areas, ages 5 and older.

A. Terms and Definitions

1. Legal Blindness – (also referred to as “blind”) Legal blindness is when the best corrected visual acuity in the better-seeing eye is less than or equal to 20/200, or visual field dimension in the better-seeing eye is less than or equal to 20 degrees at the widest diameter, even if the central visual acuity is better than 20/200.

2. Visually Impaired – Severe reduction of vision, in terms of acuity or field restriction, that cannot be corrected with standard glasses or contact lenses and reduces a person’s ability to function at certain or all tasks. Visual Impairment is when the best corrected central visual acuity in the better-seeing eye is less than or equal to 20/70, or the visual field dimension in the better-seeing eye is less than or equal to 140 degrees.



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B. Scope of Work:

1. Scope of Service

a) *The objectives of this program are to:*

(1) Hire the equivalent of a full-time CVRT, Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) or OT with certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation (herein after collectively referred to in this contract as “Certified Instructor”) to provide one-on-one instruction to clients in their home. This Certified Instructor will then carry out the following:

(a) Provide educational training to a minimum of twenty-five (25) blind or visually impaired individuals in Collier County and surrounding areas, ages 5 years and up during the contract term;

(b) Provide a minimum of three (3) to fifteen (15) individualized lessons to each individual served during the contract term.

(i) Overall length of training depends on severity of visual impairment and speed of onset, as well as the individual’s ability to remain independent in their home.

(c) Provide a pre and post Comprehensive Functional Assessment (CFA) that will help determine a client’s needs and goals achieved.



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2. Service Delivery Area and Travel

- a) *Shall deliver training in Collier County and surrounding areas.*
- b) *Services shall be conducted at the client's place of residence or other location within the community to meet individualized service needs.*
- c) *May also provide services at its primary business location.*
- d) *May transport clients who reside in and around Collier County to its business location to provide one-on-one training during its normal business hours, which is located at: 2685 Horseshoe Drive S, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34104*
- e) *Transportation will not be a billable expense under this contract.*

3. Eligibility

- a) *Individuals who meet the definition of legally blind or visually impaired as defined in Section A.1. and 2.; or experience vision loss which negatively impacts their educational performance or ability to maintain independence in the home.*
- b) *Individuals who reside in Collier County and surrounding areas.*

4. Staffing

- a) *Services under this contract shall be supported by one (1) staff member, as described below:*
 - (1) A Certified Instructor, as identified in Section B.1., above.
 - (a) Has a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree and the certification is current with the Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) or is certified as a TVI with FLDOE or is a OT with certificate in Low Vision Rehabilitation.
 - (b) If providing O&M services, instructor must have additional certification as a COMS.



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5. Service Tasks

a) *Independence Training*

(1) Shall provide ongoing independence skills training, in accordance with the client's assessment goals. Such services provided may include, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Comprehensive Functional Assessment
- (b) Activities of Daily Living
- (c) Orientation and Mobility
- (d) Communication Skills
- (e) Assistive Technology
- (f) Low Vision Training
- (g) Adjustment to Vision Loss Counseling
- (h) Information and Referral
- (i) Self-Advocacy, and
- (j) Sensory Cognitive Skills

(2) Shall make available basic training aids and devices for participants to be used in conjunction with the provision of instruction.

(3) Responsible for recruiting and referring clients for participation in independence training under this Contract.

(4) Services under this Contract shall not count towards service hours on any other Contract administered by the DBS/DOE.

C. Required Outcome of the Project:

1. Successful employment of a Certified Instructor, who will train individuals and provide them the skills needed to remain independent in their homes.

2. Each client will receive a pre and post Comprehensive Functional Assessment (CFA) to determine their individual goals and meeting of said goals.



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3. Client goals will be successfully completed when said goals have been mastered three (3) out of three (3) times.

4. Overall program success will be based on a minimum of 85% of the participants meeting their individual goals.