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Program Title: Emergency Shelter and Outreach Services for Hollywood Domestic Violence Survivors

Primary Focus Area (select **one** category from approved list): Shelter and Housing

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Application must be signed (in blue ink) by the applicant's CEO, Board President or authorized representative. By signing this application, the authorized representative certifies that the organization for which funding is sought has full knowledge of the grant request and all City requirements, and will solely utilize the funds sought for their stated purpose.

Print Name: Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.

Title: President/CEO

Signature of CEO or Board President: Linda L. Parker, Ph.D.

Date: February 3, 2023

I. STATEMENT OF THE AGENCY'S PURPOSE

For 48 years, Women In Distress has been a place where women, children and men are able to go for the services needed to heal from domestic violence abuse. As the only nationally accredited, state certified DV center serving Hollywood and other Broward municipalities, WID provides a comprehensive array of programs and services, including:

- The *Crisis Hotline* (954-761-1133) is the first point of contact survivors have with WID and can be the first time that they disclose information regarding domestic abuse to anyone. When survivors call the hotline, needing to escape a lethal situation, Women In Distress arranges for transportation to the Emergency Shelter where survivors and their children can feel safe. Last fiscal year, WID answered more than 12,000 hotline calls, including 77 calls by Hollywood residents.
- The *132-Bed Emergency Shelter* allows individuals and families who are fleeing domestic abuse to receive services on site for up to 90 days while maintaining their security and anonymity. Survivors often arrive at WID's shelter with little more than the clothes on their back and their children under their arm, seeking safety and hope. WID provides food, clothing, advocacy, therapy, counseling, and referrals for employment, healthcare, legal, housing assistance, and other services. Due to the severe shortage of affordable housing, the average stay in shelter last fiscal year significantly increased from 57 to 88 nights. Hollywood residents stayed a total of 2,467 nights in WID's shelter.
- WID's *Emergency Pet Shelter* opened in 2018 in partnership with the Humane Society of Broward County, the first partnership of its kind in the nation between a DV center and a local Humane Society. WID's onsite pet shelter breaks down another barrier for survivors of domestic violence to be able to leave their unsafe homes and seek safe shelter with their pets.
- *Advocacy* is a vital support service for survivors in shelter as well as those living in the community. Advocates assess survivors' basic needs and the risk of lethality by their abuser, develop individualized safety plans, and provide information and referrals for services and community resources. Annually, WID advocates complete over 5,000 safety plans with survivors. Last fiscal year, Hollywood residents received nearly 450 hours of advocacy support through WID.
- *Therapy and Family Services* assist adults and children suffering from symptoms of DV which affect their daily functioning and overall mental health and well-being. WID's early childhood program provides children with the latest evidence-based therapy models in use today while parents receive services, individual counseling and support groups divided into age and gender categories. Last fiscal year, WID provided 12,104 hours of therapeutic services to adults and children through individual, family, and group sessions. Hollywood residents received over 1,200

hours of therapy and family services last fiscal year. WID also hosts enrichment activities to help individuals and families build positive experiences that are essential to healing, such as the Holiday Toy Drive that delivered armfuls of toys and put smiles on the faces of nearly 600 children and adults last fiscal year.

- The *Education and Prevention* team is focused on reducing and eliminating violence in our community and society. By providing participants and their families, as well as the community, with education on the issue of domestic violence, teens, working professionals and the community are given the tools to participate in healthy relationships. Last fiscal year, WID facilitated more than 500 educational events that were attended by more than 7,867 Broward County residents, including 692 from the City of Hollywood.
- Through WID's *Community Services Coordination Project*, we are expanding our community partnerships to reduce the barriers DV survivors often face in accessing medical, dental, vision, and other resources needed to lead healthy, self-sufficient lives. Approximately 70% of the survivors we serve do not have healthcare insurance. WID assesses survivors' needs, facilitates referrals to providers, and follows up to ensure services were received. Medical and dental screenings will soon be available on-site at our main campus. Survivors are also connected to providers via health fairs, workshops, and webinars on accessing the health care system, and more.
- The *Injunction for Protection Project (IFP)* eliminates barriers to secure legal protection against an abuser, an important first step in keeping survivors safe and free from further abuse. Obtaining an attorney, however, often poses a huge financial burden. WID's Florida bar-licensed IFP attorneys provide free legal representation and legal counsel in restraining order cases for domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking/harassment/ cyberstalking. Last year, WID's team of seven full-time attorneys assisted 628 survivors, including 49 residents of Hollywood.
- WID's *Economic Empowerment & Justice* program started in 2017 to enhance our ability to empower survivors and their families to become financially self-sufficient and break their dependence on their abusers. This is critical since most domestic violence relationships involve financial abuse, even when other types of abuse are occurring. The program collaborates with community agencies including local literacy programs, housing providers, career centers, employment firms, Dress for Success programs and local libraries to ensure survivors have access to the resources they need to achieve financial independence. Last fiscal year, 42 survivors participated in Economic Empowerment Services at WID.

In addition, WID operates the statewide 24-hour crisis hotline and oversees delivery of two other statewide DV services in contract with other certified DV centers in Florida, the injunctions for protection project and education and prevention services.

All services are provided free of charge regardless of a DV survivor's age, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, mental or physical disability, veteran or military status, immigration status, language spoken or income. Last fiscal year, WID served 2,401 adult and child survivors of domestic abuse and reached a tragic milestone by providing over 45,000 nights of safe shelter. Persons fleeing their homes due to domestic violence abuse who lack safe shelter or other resources are presumed low/moderate income and homeless (category 4) by the Department of Housing & Urban Development. WID estimates that 90% of the survivors we serve annually are low/moderate income.

Emergency shelter and support services are provided to Hollywood residents at WID's Jim & Jan Moran Family Center, located at 4700 NW 3rd Avenue, Deerfield Beach, FL 33064 (CONFIDENTIAL LOCATION). Outreach services (non-residential advocacy, counseling, therapy, support groups, etc.) are provided in person at the Jim & Jan Moran Family Center, by phone or virtually. Additionally, WID has limited co-located Outreach services available to residents of Hollywood and other Broward municipalities at the following locations:

- Broward Sheriff's Office's Child Protective Investigations Office
1415 NW 62nd St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
- ChildNet
1100 W. McNab Rd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
- Broward County Main Courthouse
201 SE 6th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
- Holy Cross HealthPlex
1000 NE 56th St., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334

II. STATEMENT OF THE AGENCY'S MISSION

Women In Distress' mission is to stop domestic violence abuse for everyone through intervention, education, and advocacy.

III. PROGRAM/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- a. Please provide a one paragraph description of your program that will be used as the summary description of your program for the review board.
Include specific program activities including timeline and program strategies. (250 word maximum)

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. (WID) requests \$40,000 to provide confidential, life-changing services to residents of the City of Hollywood to empower them to heal from the trauma of domestic violence (DV) and begin new, self-sufficient lives free of violence. Founded in 1974, WID is the only nationally accredited, state certified DV center in Broward County, FL. The requested funding will subsidize the cost to provide Emergency Shelter and critical Outreach (non-residential) services at WID's Jim and Jan Moran Family Center (main campus) in Deerfield Beach (CONFIDENTIAL LOCATION) to Hollywood residents from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. Hollywood residents will access WID's free and confidential services via our 24-hour crisis hotline. Survivors fleeing domestic violence arrive at our secure 132-bed Emergency Shelter scared, often with only the clothes on their back and children under their arms. They are greeted by Shelter Advocates who begin to address their immediate needs (e.g., safety, food, clothing, etc.). Survivors and their children are provided safe shelter and services for up to 90 days with a goal of transitioning into a self-sufficient life free from violence. Outreach (non-residential) counseling, therapy, and advocacy are offered at our main campus, by phone, and virtually. Programs include registration/intake for adults and children, counseling, therapy and support groups for adults, and children and family therapy services. WID will continue to collaborate with the City of Hollywood and Hollywood Police Department to refer victims in the program to the WID Advocate to receive assistance.

- b. Beginning program date October 1, 2023
- c. Ending program date September 30, 2024
- d. Days and Hours of Operation Emergency Shelter: 24 hours/day, 7 day/week; Outreach (non-residential) Services: Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-9pm, Fri 9am-6pm
- e. If your service agency function is to provide financial subsidies enabling your clientele to enroll in other programs, please check this box. ☐

IV. PROGRAM/PROJECT NEEDS AND OBJECTIVES:

Include why the program / project is essential for the residents of the City of Hollywood. What needs will the program / project address? (250 word maximum)

This program addresses the critical need for Emergency Shelter and Outreach services to empower Hollywood residents to heal from the trauma of domestic violence, a pervasive public health problem. Domestic violence cuts across all boundaries of culture, age, race, gender, and socioeconomic status. Broward County

ranks among Florida counties with the most DV reports—5,598 filed in 2020 alone (FL Dept. of Law Enforcement). Hollywood ranked in Broward's top three cities with the most reports.

DV is not only physical, but often includes mental, emotional, and financial abuse that profoundly affects the victim's health and the health of children who are exposed to violence (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence). Victims often present with acute and chronic symptoms of physical, emotional, and behavioral issues, such as anxiety, depression, and unexplained or multiple injuries. Children exposed to DV are likely to develop life-long physical, mental, and behavioral issues including anxiety and aggression toward peers. Without trauma-informed intervention, they are likely to be revictimized or become abusers in adulthood.

The pandemic, inflation, financial insecurity, and the housing crisis, among other factors, have led to an increase in domestic abuse and complicated the recovery journey. Hollywood residents affected by DV are eligible for WID services no matter their age, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, religion, disability, veteran/military status, immigration status, language spoken or socioeconomic standing. Most survivors helped by WID are low-moderate income, which is often due to financial abuse. HUD considers persons who flee DV abuse and leave their homes to be homeless.

V. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES:

- a. Describe the anticipated outcomes as the result of this program / project (150 word maximum).

Funding from the City of Hollywood will provide residents with a minimum of 200 nights of Emergency Shelter and supportive services. In addition, a minimum of 45 residents will receive ongoing Outreach services from a trained Advocate to include registration/intake, advocacy, counseling, therapy and support groups totaling a minimum of 100 hours. Services will be provided from October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024 at the Jim and Jan Moran Family Center in Deerfield Beach (CONFIDENTIAL LOCATION). Residents will have access to WID's free, confidential services through our 24-hour crisis hotline and through referrals from the City of Hollywood and Hollywood Police Department.

- b. Total **non-duplicated** number of **all** clients, recipients or participants expected to be directly served by the proposed program / project in FY

2024. 1,500 (estimated to be served in Emergency Shelter and Outreach)

- c. Number of **non-duplicated** number of **Hollywood** residents expected to be directly served by the proposed program / project in FY 2024.
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Please Note:

- **Grant funding, if awarded, may be offered at a lesser amount than requested in this application; however, the number of Hollywood residents to be served that appears on the final agreement will remain the same number as entered above.**
- *For item V.c., please provide an estimate of the number of unique residents of Hollywood you expect to serve throughout FY 2024 (October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024).*

VI. STAFF QUALIFICATIONS:

List the names and qualifications of staff involved in this program / project.

Name	Qualification(s)/Degree(s)	Year(s) of Experience
Linda L. Parker, Ph.D., President/CEO	DV programming in rural and underserved urban areas in 2 states; represents WID on multiple task forces; Ph.D. in psychology	18+
Shena Kitt, Chief Operating Officer	Local and statewide DV program implementation and oversight experience	14+
Vanessa Bongiorno, Chief Financial Officer	Vast experience in accounting and financial management in public and private sectors; Master's degree in accountancy	20+
Maxwell Couture, LMHT, Director of Outreach Services	Licensed mental health therapist with specialization in trauma-focused clinical services and child-parent	7+

	psychotherapy. Oversees the proposed Outreach services.	
Jennifer Prada, Master's in Counseling Psychology in Crisis and Trauma	Over a decade of experience in mental health, with 7 years in management, oversees the proposed Emergency Shelter services	10

VII. PREVIOUS BENEFITS AND OUTCOMES:

If the program/project was operating in FY 2022 (October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022), please provide a year-end statement of that year's accomplishments, the total number of participants directly served by the program/project in FY 2022 and the number of Hollywood residents directly served by the program/project in FY 2022. If the program/project is currently operating in FY 2023, please provide a year-to-date status update. (250 word maximum)

FY2021-2022 Accomplishments: Last fiscal year, WID provided emergency shelter (with onsite pet shelter), access to the 24-hour crisis hotline, food, therapy, advocacy, counseling, transportation, legal services to obtain injunctions for protection, and more to 2,401 domestic violence survivors in Broward County. This included services to 207 residents of the City of Hollywood valued at \$407,447, as shown below:

- 31 residents received a total of 2,467 nights of safe shelter
- 187 residents received Outreach (non-residential) services, including:
 - 443 hours of advocacy
 - 803 hours of counseling and therapy (individual and family)
 - 200 hours of group counseling and therapy
 - 223 hours of adult and child group activities
 - 77 crisis hotline calls

Value-added services:

- 692 Hollywood students, professionals and community members received domestic violence and teen dating violence education and training through WID's Education & Prevention department
- 49 Hollywood residents received assistance from WID's legal team to obtain an injunction for protection (restraining order), an important first step in keeping DV survivors safe and free from further abuse

FY2022-2023 Year-to-Date Status Update:

- 18 Hollywood residents received Emergency Shelter services totaling 1,038 bed nights
- 61 residents received Outreach services totaling 229.17 hours
- 1 resident utilized the WID 24-Hour Crisis Hotline

VIII. COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERS:

Describe the roles of collaborating agencies, programs and individuals if applicable. Attach letters of support from collaborators. (150 word maximum)

WID collaborates to leverage resources to help survivors become self-sufficient. As examples:

- WID collaborates with *ChildNet* to provide child protective services. (Letter attached.)
- WID and *Coast to Coast Legal Aid Service* collaborated to implement the LIFT Project to provide limited legal and economic assistance for DV victims who often lose their public benefits due to circumstances beyond their control. (Letter attached.)
- WID works with *Broward County Public Schools* to deliver teen dating violence and DV education to students and parents. (Letter attached.)
- WID provides expert DV education to healthcare professionals at *Cleveland Clinic, Memorial Healthcare System* and other providers.
- *Light of the World Clinic, CARE Resource, Broward House, and America's Best* provide medical, dental, and vision services for free or reduced cost to survivors.
- *First Call for Help (211)* provides information and referrals for DV survivors in need of services and emergency shelter.

IX. BUDGET

Using the chart and categories provided, what is the annual program / project cost for FY 2024? Provide the amount of funds requested and secured from other sources or the Agency's budget for the program/project. This grant is designed to provide supplemental funding for program related activities, so please select the best suited categories for your program / project from among the categories below.

WID Emergency Shelter Program

Budget Categories	\$ Amount Requested	\$ From Other Funding Sources	Total Cost of Program
Subsidies or Matching Funds			

Salaries & Benefits or Volunteer Stipends	\$20,000	\$826,360	\$846,360
Consultants & Professional Fees		\$175,805	\$175,805
Program Supplies		\$235,816	\$235,816
Incentives & Consumables			
Transportation, Travel & Admission Costs		\$1,653	\$1,653
Electricity, Water, Refuse (Feeding & Residential Facilities Only)		\$578,876	\$578,876
TOTAL =	\$20,000	\$1,818,510	\$1,838,510

WID Outreach Program

Budget Categories	\$ Amount Requested	\$ From Other Funding Sources	Total Cost of Program
Subsidies or Matching Funds			
Salaries & Benefits or Volunteer Stipends	\$20,000	\$1,694,630	\$1,714,630
Consultants & Professional Fees		\$113,047	\$113,047
Program Supplies		\$30,887	\$30,887
Incentives & Consumables		\$4,500	\$4,500
Transportation, Travel & Admission Costs		\$56,754	\$56,754
Electricity, Water, Refuse (Feeding & Residential Facilities Only)		\$339,360	\$339,360
TOTAL =	\$20,000	\$2,239,178	\$2,259,178

What is the estimated cost per Hollywood participant? \$135/shelter night; \$84/hour of advocacy, therapy, etc.; \$10/crisis hotline call

What is the **minimum** amount of award needed from the City of Hollywood to effectuate the proposed program/project? \$20,000

Estimate of total agency projected revenues and expenditures.

Fiscal Year	Revenue	Expenditures
FY 2024 10/1/2023-9/30/2024	\$ 8,063,456	\$ 8,063,456

X. OTHER FUNDING SOURCES DETAIL:

List grants received from ALL City of Hollywood sources including the General Fund Agency Grant during the preceding five (5) fiscal years 10/1 through 9/30. Examples of City funding sources would include the Agency Grant Program, the Community Redevelopment Agency, CDBG funding, Police Department grants, etc.

Funding Source	Amount Received FY 19	Amount Received FY 20	Amount Received FY 21	Amount Received FY 22	Amount Received FY 23
City of Hollywood Agency Grant Program	\$39,973	\$21,000	\$22,888.89	\$18,600	\$20,000
City of Hollywood CDBG Funding	\$19,277	\$0	\$22,545	\$23,167	\$26,200

XI. PROGRAM/PROJECT EVALUATION:

How will you measure the success of the proposed program/project? (250 words maximum)

Women In Distress will track the following performance indicators to measure the success of the proposed Emergency Shelter and Outreach programs:

- A minimum of 90% of Hollywood residents served will establish a safety plan.

- A minimum of 90% of Hollywood residents served will be assessed and provided information on available public and community benefits and resources to assist them with their basic needs and goals.
- A minimum of 100 hours of supportive advocacy and individual counseling hours will be provided to Hollywood residents
- A minimum of 200 emergency shelter nights will be provided to Hollywood residents

These performance measures have been utilized to measure the long-term effectiveness of the programs and have been demonstrated as effective indicators of long-term impact. Women In Distress utilizes a participant management system that tracks and maintains survivor records. This is the primary database utilized by all 41 domestic violence centers in Florida and other states in the nation. Records show when a survivor calls the hotline and what services were offered at that time. WID's records also show if a survivor utilizes any emergency shelter or Outreach services. All services entered into the database are submitted monthly to the Compliance Manager, Director of Programs and COO who monitor all outcomes.

XII. ATTACHMENTS:

ATTACHMENT A	The most recent letter from the Internal Revenue Service (or other evidence) determining the tax-exempt status under section 501(C)(3), 501(C)(4), or 501(C) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code.								
ATTACHMENT B	Letters of community support for the proposed program / project.								
ATTACHMENT C	<p>A current Certificate of Insurance for Commercial General Liability Insurance naming the City as an Additional Insured with not less than the following limits:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Products-Comp/Op Aggregate</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Personal and Advertising Injury</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Each Occurrence</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>General Aggregate</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr> </table>	Products-Comp/Op Aggregate	\$1,000,000	Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000	Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000	General Aggregate	\$1,000,000
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ATTACHMENT D	All pages of the most recently completed and filed IRS Form 990.								

ATTACHMENT E	The most recent audited financial statement. If the agency does not have a certified audit, submit a compilation of financial statements, with income statement and balance sheet for the most recent year.
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If you have any questions, concerns,
or need additional information please contact:

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