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We report recent progress on a LiF Experiment for keV Sterile Neutrino Search (LiFE-SNS) based on tritium beta decay measurement at mK temperatures. We use LiF crystals with ³H embedded through the $Li(n,\alpha)^{3}H$ process. Magnetic microcalorimeters, one of the high-resolution detector technologies, are adopted to measure the amount of the energy deposited into the crystal absorber from ³H beta decays. Two detector modules have been prepared for the first phase of the project to achieve the highest sensitivity near the 10-keV region with a four-month measurement period. In this poster, we present the short- and long-term goals of the LiFE-SNS project searching for keV-scale sterile neutrinos together with possible systematics.

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