



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1530

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Promise Inc. which provides affordable housing for 125 individuals with special needs, operates a thrift shoppe for the purpose of providing employment opportunity to the special needs community. The current retail space is rented at a cost of \$70,000/year, which offsets any profits. The rent is expected to significantly increase in 2024. Funds will be utilized to consolidate from rented space into existing Promise Inc. properties, and provide for the employment of more individuals with special needs.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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



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

Promise Inc. received two rounds of Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding totaling \$383,323. Funds were used for payroll, rent, and other costs associated with providing services to 125 individuals with special needs.

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

03/31/2024

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.

Promise Inc.

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
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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	Funds will be used for design and construction to adapt the Promise Café and Bakery into a combined operation of the Promise Treasures Thrift Shoppe and Promise Café and Bakery. Funds will also be utilized to construct a garage-like structure at the Promise Inc. main campus for purposes of intake, cleaning and storage of Thrift Shoppe donations prior to being displayed at the Treasures Thrift Shoppe.	250,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Promise Inc. which provides affordable housing for 125 individuals with special needs, operates a thrift shoppe for purposes of providing employment opportunity for its special needs community . The current retail space is rented at a cost of \$70,000/year, and the landlord has signalled a significant rent increase in 2024. Funds will be used to move by consolidating the Trift Shoppe with another enterprise owned by Promise Inc. The savings from this plan will allow Promise Inc. to employ more members of the Special Needs community.

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

Hiring and job coaching of the Special Needs community.

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

Special needs community would receive training and employment opportunity allowing them to earn an income. In addition, Treasures Thrift Shoppe provides the community with a source for affordable clothing, furniture and other merchandise.

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

Individuals with Special Needs. Promise Inc. provides services for 125 individuals with special needs who call the Promise affordable housing community home.

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

Providing employment and volunteer opportunities for individuals with special needs. Monthly reports will be provided to the Promise Board of Directors on special needs individuals served.

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?

No payments until agreed upon milestones met.

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