



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3268

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

HomeStart is a groundbreaking initiative designed to address homelessness by providing stable housing and comprehensive employment training simultaneously. Recognizing that secure housing is a foundational element for individuals to focus on skill development and employment, HomeStart aims to break the cycle of homelessness by offering a structured program that combines housing assistance with targeted job training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	76%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	22%
Other	10,000	2%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	460,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

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?

Yes

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



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The funds were administered by Orange County and were used for bridge housing, rental assistance and eviction prevention for those who were impacted by Covid 19.

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)?

No

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	Program Coordinator	55,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Employment Specialist	45,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment - laptops, phones, mileage, HMIS license, CRM	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Housing and job training - rent subsidies or stipends during training and first six weeks of employment. Work tools, supplies, uniforms	230,000
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)		350,000

14. Program Performance

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

HomeStart embodies a visionary approach to addressing homelessness by recognizing the interconnectedness of stable housing and meaningful employment. By providing a supportive environment that allows clients to focus on skill development while maintaining secure housing, we aim to equip individuals with the tools they need to regain control of their lives. Through strategic partnerships, personalized support, and a commitment to long-term success, HomeStart has the potential to transform the lives of those experiencing homelessness, ultimately leading to greater self-sufficiency and a brighter future. Together, we can create a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

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



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The HomeStart project will utilize the allocated funds to implement a range of activities and services aimed at achieving its intended purpose:

Transitional Housing and Shelter Services: The funds will be used to acquire, renovate, and maintain properties for transitional housing facilities. These spaces will provide safe and stable accommodations for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Job Training and Vocational Programs: The project will offer specialized job training and vocational programs tailored to the needs and interests of participants. This may include skills development workshops, vocational courses, and hands-on training in collaboration with local industries.

Employment Placement and Support: HomeStart will allocate resources to facilitate job placement for participants, working closely with local businesses and industries to identify suitable employment opportunities. Ongoing support services will also be provided to ensure job retention and career advancement.

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

Transitional Housing and Shelter: Citizens will have access to safe and stable transitional housing facilities, offering them a secure place to reside while they work towards regaining stability and self-sufficiency.

Specialized Job Training and Vocational Programs: Participants will receive tailored job training and vocational programs designed to equip them with the skills and knowledge necessary to secure gainful employment.

Employment Placement Assistance: The project will actively assist citizens in finding suitable job opportunities, working closely with local businesses and industries to match their skills and interests with available positions.

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

The target population for this project is those who are experiencing homelessness in Central Florida as well as those at risk of homelessness. These populations include families with children as well as recently incarcerated and at risk youth.

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 the HomeStart project is to empower citizens experiencing homelessness to regain stability, secure employment, and achieve greater self-sufficiency. The ultimate goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and provide individuals with the tools and resources they need to lead independent, fulfilling lives.

Methodology for Outcome Measurement:

Housing Stability: The project will measure the percentage of participants who successfully transition from transitional housing to permanent, stable housing. This will be tracked through regular assessments and follow-ups with participants.

Employment Placement and Retention: The success of the project in facilitating job placement will be measured by tracking the percentage of participants who secure employment within a specified time frame. Additionally, the retention rate in employment will be monitored to assess the sustainability of participants' job placements.

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?

Return of unused funds if the agency cannot meet the performance measures.

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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number