



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1551

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Weatherization Assistant Program is Miami-Dade County's flagship program for providing home weatherization services to qualifying low-income clients. Services aim to increase the efficiency of cooling or heating qualifying homes so as to lessen incurred energy costs by the homeowner(s) and increase the disposable or fixed income(s) of said homeowner, much to their and the local economy's benefit. This expansion of WAP would seek to further lower costs for said homeowners while providing environmental benefits for the community.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

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

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) | 250,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 250,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 | 500,000 | 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



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

Miami-Dade County received \$2,608,188,975.73 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

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)?

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 | | 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 | Funding would be used to continue contracting and utilizing existing County vendors or service providers, or new vendors and providers as applicable, inclusive of locally-owned small businesses, for the provision of the WAP environmental resilience expansion measures which include the installation of solar panels, performing septic-to-sewer conversions, and providing related or existing weatherization assistance to qualified households. | 250,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| 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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b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The requested funding will allow the Community Action and Human Services Department to expand the range for clients, allowing for the maximization of existing program services to be rendered. Additionally, and perhaps more significantly, the funding provides a level of flexibility that will assist in addressing emergency repairs to low-income and elderly residents at their time of need.

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

Measures of painting or landscaping, such as tree planting to increase canopy coverage of a property and surrounding area, and the installation of solar paneling and/or central air conditioning, and performing or facilitating septic-to-sewer conversions. This new program will have a large-positive impact on the recipients and provide direct and indirect environmental benefits.

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

Low-income and other qualifying residents, inclusive of certain senior homeowners with fixed incomes or disabilities, who own their home in Miami-Dade County. Approximately 25 to 50 homeowners are expected to be served through this funding request.

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

WAP is successful in reducing the energy consumption in a home by cutting down on the amount of energy needed for heating and cooling the house, thereby making it more affordable and efficient for the homeowner. The savings from the reduced costs can then be applied towards essential matters like medication, groceries, and mortgage payments.

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?

A failure on the part of the receiving entity in meeting or providing deliverables or with overall non-performance will result in non-payment or a full return of the requested monies.

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)



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- 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