



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3426

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project seeks to improve living conditions and lower annual costs of shelter operations, increase security and update technological needs for the only women and children's emergency shelter in Hardee County. This includes the replacement of weathered windows and doors for energy efficiency and added security, installation of a Solar energy system to lower energy costs, purchase of computers with running capacity to operate on Windows 12 (current computers lack ample capacity), technologically updated security cameras, household appliances, and a fire console for county fire code compliance. Funding is also requested to ensure onsite night management for shelter operations and to meet the rising costs of insuring shelter property and building.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	31,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	192,000
Total State Funds Requested	223,000

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)	223,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,500	1%
Other	10,000	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	235,500	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.

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	Emergency Domestic Violence overnight Shelter Manager Salary	11,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	15 desktop computers, Shelter Insurance	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	35 windows, 6 glass sliding doors, 5 outside doors, includes installation labor. Solar System installation to power 5,000 sq. ft. shelter, fire control console, household appliances, washer, dryer, stove, deep freezer, and 50 security cameras for inside and outside surveillance.	192,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		223,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Goals are improved living conditions and lower annual costs of shelter operations of the only women and children's emergency shelter in Hardee County. Replacement of weathered windows and doors for energy efficiency and security. Installation of a Solar energy system to lower energy costs. Purchase of 15 computers with running capacity to operate Windows 12 software (current computers do not have ample capacity), updated security cameras, household appliances, and fire console for county fire code compliance.

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

Ensure fire safety regulations per county fire code, ensuring the safety of client's and their dependents. Activities via computer communications with area schools and medical agencies, appointment setting with social service providers, research and obtainment of essential documents, employment search and training, online employment and higher educational attainment. properly functioning household appliances for life skills training and the meeting daily needs. reinforcement of windows and doors for security purposes.

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

Onsite shelter manager to care for client's on a nightly basis. Case management, counseling, parenting classes, anger management/D/V classes, financial budgeting and planning, life skills training, online employment, legal assistance, shelter/housing, nutritional education and practise, access to medical and mental health online services, GED, ESOL, and higher educational services, twenty four hour onsite security and uninterrupted utilities. Onsite night manager for security and shelter operations.

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

Elderly women, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, and economically disadvantaged persons. At-risk youth, homeless, physically disabled, formerly incarcerated persons, and victims of crime. We serve 50-100 persons monthly.

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

Adequate computer technology interaction with Windows 12 software having the capacity to be compatable with online servers and entities will ensure seamless educational and employment experiences. Methodologies are tracking gainful and steady employment of client's, teachers progress notes and counselor evaluations, employer recognition and successful training certifications, Educational Criteria of students achieving benchmarks and grade metrics successfully. Increased security and lower utility expenses due to window and door replacements and installation of Solar System and updated security cameras. Outcomes will be evidenced via lower monthly energy costs, ability to give concise evidence to law enforcement and courts with clear video of events, and reinforcement of structural integrity of shelter.

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?

If funds are not correctly expended, we will incur the liability to repay the funds and incur the possibility of no future funding.

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



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- 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