



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1158

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida Condominium and HOA Foreclosure Defense Pilot Project will provide free legal services and representation to low-income residents who reside in condominiums or within homeowners associations that are facing foreclosure and do not have funds available to hire an attorney to provide them with legal advice and/or legal representation.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

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)	300,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

No alternative funding source for this project.

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.

PPP funds \$492,630.00  
LSC Covid-19 grant \$171,299.00

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Part of this amount will be used to pay for part of the salary of the administrative assistant who will be in charge of entering all of the cases under the Foreclosure Defense Project in our Legal Server Case Management system. Additionally part of this money will be used to pay part of the salary of our office manager who will be in charge of reporting under this contract and the administration of this project.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	This amount will be used to pay for part of the salary and benefits for two full-time staff attorneys and a paralegal. These staff attorneys and paralegal will be providing legal services and representation to the individuals who we will be representing under this program.	260,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This amount will be used to pay for marketing/outreach, office supplies, parking at the Courthouse, a computer for the staff attorney on this project, court translators, court reporters and other costs of litigation.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>300,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

These funds will be used to hire two attorneys and a paralegal to provide legal counsel, services and representation to low-income homeowners who reside in a condominium or HOA and are facing the risk of foreclosure.

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

Through this project we will conduct outreach to identify homeowners in need of free legal representation and provide them with either legal counsel, help with drafting and submitting pro se pleadings and motions, or full legal representation. Coast to Coast Legal Aid staff will provide outreach to vulnerable older adults by holding events and community education at local senior living communities and other community partner events.

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

Legal counsel and advice, legal services and assistance with drafting pro se motions and pleadings and legal representation.

**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 low-income households that reside in a condominium or HOA community and are unjustly having their properties foreclosed. We will also mainly focus on elderly members of the community who are being targeted and are becoming victims of wrongdoing by condo/homeowners associations. We expect to serve between 100-200 clients during the first year of this project.

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

This project will provide legal representation to members of our community who are currently having their properties foreclosed on and cannot afford legal representation. Through our project and by providing vigorous legal representation to those in need we will be able to save the homes of many homeowners who are currently having their properties foreclosed on unjustly and thus keep vulnerable members of our community in their homes. This will be achieved by marketing efforts and outreach to inform the community about our project and the free legal services that we offer to homeowners.

**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 the deliverables listed in the contract are not achieved, funds from the contract should be deducted accordingly.

**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