



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1661

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Housing Readiness Center is a key initiative supporting the goals of the Live Local Act of 2023, aimed at transforming Florida's housing landscape by enhancing household self-sufficiency amid expanding affordable housing opportunities. This project will establish a multi-service one-stop center, providing comprehensive educational and training resources for homeowners and renters. Designed to go beyond immediate solutions, the Center will foster long-term economic resilience and housing stability for diverse demographics. With embedded evaluation and adaptive mechanisms, the Center will not only address current housing and economic challenges but also proactively anticipate future needs, making it an essential component in Florida's journey towards enhanced stability and prosperity.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	950,000
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,250,000	70%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,200,000	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.**

Private philanthropy and ongoing partnerships will underwrite initial and future operating expenses associated with sustained success of the Housing Readiness Center including program/service delivery, evaluation, reporting, and knowledge transfer for replication.



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

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

PPP: \$922,544
 ERC: \$464,632
 Both sets of funds were used toward payroll.

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.

There are none. Acquisition of an existing building structure will be made through transactions with an independent owner with no recent, current, or future for-profit relationship with the entity (Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County).

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		950,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds will enable the acquisition of a permanent site for the expanded delivery of proven programs and services designed to maximize success associated with the expanded affordable housing supply made possible by the Live Local Act of 2023.

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

Purchase and renovation or refurbishment of a site with an existing structure deemed suitable for providing the proven portfolio of services and programs.

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

- A. HUD-Certified Counseling: Empowering individuals and families for housing stability, informed decision-making, and conquering challenges like preventing foreclosure and disaster recovery.
- B. Financial Empowerment: Boosting financial literacy across diverse age groups through education and mentorship.
- C. Home Preservation and Repair: Preserving affordable homes, fostering neighborhood revitalization and stability.
- D. Aging in Place Services: Transformation with modifications/repairs, allowing seniors to age gracefully in their own homes.
- E. Tenant/Landlord Empowerment: Comprehensive resources and workshops to empower both renters and landlords.
- F. Housing Maintenance Mastery: Tailored programs addressing maintenance and accessibility needs for all age groups.

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

Initially, residents of Orange and Osceola Counties comprise the core geographical area served by Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County; however, consistent with current practice, residents of the state's other counties would be welcomed. By design, the Readiness Housing Center will serve as a demonstration project with a deliberate effort to transfer learnings and best practices to all counties in the state.

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

Outcomes include the expanded readiness of those precariously housed or cost-burdened residents pursuing affordable housing, particularly the expanded supply associated with the Live Local Act of 2023. Measurable performance indicators include: • Decreased Mortgage or Rental Agreement Default Rates • Improved Mortgage Literacy • Reduction in Foreclosures • Reduction in Evictions • Budgeting and Financial Management • Improved Creditworthiness • Increased Savings and Debt Reduction • Reduction in Home Purchase Rescission • Project Replication and Scaling

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?

Suspension of the applicant from future eligibility for funding may be considered should additional assurance be needed. However, despite service as a pilot project, the earned reputation of Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando & Osceola County should signal the degree of quality and stability required for this investment.

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