



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3427

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To begin renovations to the front building on the property that was acquired by a FY 2023-24 state appropriation. The renovation of the front building will enable the Hardee County Ministerial Association (dba: Hardee Help Center) to move their current operations and to begin planning for onsite temporary and transitional housing for chronically homeless residents, residents experiencing crisis situations, and residents in need of cold weather assistance. Specifically, this is for the design, engineering, planning and construction of a Client Welcome Center, Private Intake Offices, and expansion of the food pantry and secure records storage.

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	550,000
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

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)	550,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	550,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,000,000	365A	No

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.

1) 2020 CARES Act Federal Stimulus Funds - \$14,511.90 used in the following categories: Purchase of Food Commodities, Cost of Food Preparation/Packaging/Delivery or distribution, Cost of Food Storage, Other COVID-19 Related Expenses.
 2) 2020 EFSP CARES \$6,400.00 - Funds used for client assistance in rent/mortgage & utilities.
 3) 2022-2023 EFSP ARPA-R \$9,615.00 - Funds used for client assistance in rent/mortgage, utilities, food and lodging.

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?

Fall 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

Spring 2025

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.

Hardee County Ministerial Association dba Hardee Help Center.

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	Design, Engineering, Planning and Construction	550,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To alleviate Homelessness in Hardee County. The purpose of the funds will be for renovation planning and design of Main Building to allow for Hardee Help Center to move their current operations and begin planning for onsite temporary and transitional housing for chronically homeless residents, residents experiencing crisis situations and residents in need of cold weather assistance. Specifically, this appropriation will construct a Client Welcome Center, Private Intake Offices, expand the food pantry and secure records storage.

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

Funds will be used for contractual services for architectural/engineering/planning and design project management for renovation of the Main Building.

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

Current Basic Needs Program - Financial assistance, crisis food, tent for emergency shelter and resource counseling. Current Homeless Program - weekly food, showers, laundry, reference program, offsite cold weather shelter and ID's. Expanded homeless services to include onsite short- and long-term housing, emergency housing, soup kitchen, day shelter for respite/activities, and self-improvement classes.

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

Target populations in Hardee County include elderly, persons with poor physical/mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally/physically disabled, drug users, students (preschool, grade, high school, university/college), formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders, victims of crime and general populations. Over 800 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The expected benefits or outcomes are improved physical and mental health, improved quality of education, created job opportunities, reduced recidivism and substance abuse, divert from criminal/juvenile justice system. Outcomes will be measured by tracking the number of registered homeless clients who are: 1) utilizing the program, 2) obtaining medical services, 3) receiving food, 4) utilizing exercise equipment, 5) pursuing educational opportunities, 6) decreasing child truancy, 8) utilizing the work reference program, 9) transitioning from unemployable to gainfully employed/internships, 10) homeless clients who do not re-offend, 11) involved/completed rehab and remain drug free 12) diverted from entering the criminal justice or juvenile justice systems.

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?

Implementation of a corrective action plan and non-payment of invoices until contract milestones are completed.

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



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- 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