



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1110

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

4. Project/Program Description

Special Compass Living (SCL) will be the first of its kind in Broward county. The community will provide 60 apartment, one-bedroom units to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) providing an opportunity to live independently from their aging caregivers. Providing supported housing, at an average cost of \$35,000, will eliminate the need to place these individuals in a more costly institutional setting, at an average cost of \$135,000. Building SCL will save taxpayers \$2,200,000 annually. The Corporation for Supportive Housing estimates the State of Florida currently needs 9,168 supportive housing units for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Approximately thirty percent (2,750) are in South Florida. The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) estimates that 931 individuals with IDD are already on their current waiting list and need supportive and affordable housing. Of those, 222 reside in Broward County.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	92%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	50,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	650,000	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?



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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	Executive Director - \$25,000	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Development - \$25,000 Marketing Coordinator \$50,000	75,000
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	(2) Coordinators (each \$50,000)	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Architect / \$265,000 Engineering / \$70,000 Environmental Site Assessment / \$40,000, Survey / \$20,000, Application Fees / \$5,000	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Special Compass Living will provide affordable and accessible housing for 60 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in one of the highest cost areas in the state. Supportive housing provides a higher quality of life and a dramatically reduced cost to taxpayers (\$100,000/person/year) when compared to institutional care. This initiative will also serve as a model community that can be replicated.

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

Special Compass Living has retained a local non-profit that has served south Florida for over 40 years to execute services and programs, focusing on safety, personal development, and independence. There will be a central activity center that will facilitate socialization, peer-to-peer support, and education for the 60 residents.

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

By providing affordable and accessible housing units in a community setting specifically designed for individuals with IDD, the overall demand for direct support services for activities of daily living will be reduced. The concept of peer-to-peer support and neighbors-helping-neighbors becomes reality and the demand for taxpayer funded services is reduced. The Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that the property ownership and support services for residents will continue primarily be provided through the Medicaid Waiver iBudget or privately paid.

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

The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) currently has a waiting list for services of over 22,000 individuals. Of those on the waiting list, the APD estimates 931 individuals need affordable and accessible housing. The real need is much greater than those on the waiting list. The Corporation for Supportive Housing reports that there are 9,168.

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

There will be sixty individuals with IDD that will not have to be institutionalized when their aging caregivers can no longer care for them. The residents will enjoy the benefits of living in a community setting that offers them choices of their daily activities and a higher quality of life. Outcomes will be measured by an annual quality of life survey of the residents. Fiscal outcomes will be measured by comparing the cost of providing institutional care (average of \$135,000 per year) vs supported living in a community setting (average of \$35,000 per year).

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?

We would suggest facilitating a round table discussion with the provider, the residents (guardians), and the APD on how best to resolve any issues.

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