



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3404

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

4. Project/Program Description

Sarasota County is confronted with a pronounced challenge pertaining to housing affordability, wherein a substantial proportion of its populace, encompassing those with earnings ranging from 30% to 80% of the Area Median Income, face a perilous proximity to homelessness. This circumstance is exacerbated by the escalating demand for housing, a consequence of Florida's burgeoning growth. We propose the development of a 96-unit garden-style apartment community, targeting low-income and extremely low-income families. By furnishing viable housing alternatives and augmenting them with after-school programs and scholastic support for children, a noteworthy impact can be anticipated in terms of both immediate relief and enduring positive outcomes. This undertaking not only confronts the housing crisis head-on but also invests in the educational and overall welfare of the community's young progeny, potentially interrupting the cycle of poverty.

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	2,800,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,800,000

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)	2,800,000	8%
Matching Funds		
Federal	23,578,062	71%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	600,000	2%
Other	6,253,752	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	33,231,814	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.



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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.

\$4,200,000 in ARPA/SLRF from Sarasota County has been committed to this development. Of this 100% will be for construction.

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.

CASL is a 501-c-3, not-for-profit organization. None of the directors or staff will receive any of the requested funds directly or indirectly. Of the funds requested, 100% will be used for construction of the 96-unit apartment community.

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	Construction of a 96-unit apartment community. Land acquisition, planning, engineering are funded with other sources and completed.	2,800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The proposed initiative endeavors to establish a sustainable housing solution, characterized by the provision of affordable accommodations complemented by a suite of comprehensive family support services. This endeavor is specifically tailored to serve up to 96 households, comprising families with household incomes ranging from 30% to 80% of the area's median income. Central to this initiative is a steadfast commitment to ensuring the enduring viability of this housing provision, with a minimum term of 50 years. Through this long-term commitment, the initiative aims to effect a substantive and enduring amelioration of the housing challenges faced by families within this income stratum, thereby fostering a more secure and resilient community. This initiative represents a pivotal stride toward enhancing housing affordability and stability for a significant cohort of the population.

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

The funding will be for the construction of a 96-unit garden-style apartment complex comprising. Additionally, a minimum of 3,000 square feet will be dedicated to supplementary facilities tailored for after-school programs, specifically designed to cater to the educational needs of children. These programs will encompass tutoring, mentoring, and hands-on assistance with scholastic undertakings, ultimately fostering positive developmental outcomes for the youth and endeavoring to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. CASL will deploy on-site case managers to furnish pivotal support in areas ranging from securing/maintaining health care benefits to adeptly navigating the intricacies of the health care system. Financial literacy classes will be offered, empowering individuals with essential fiscal knowledge. Linkages to job training programs will be established, with the ultimate goal of equipping participants with the skills requisite for augmenting household income levels.

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

CASL's approach encompasses a comprehensive array of services designed to foster independence and personal development among individuals. The deployment of case managers and supportive housing specialists will conduct assessments to discern specific needs. The objective is to facilitate greater self-sufficiency and overall growth. Furthermore, financial literacy and life skills classes will be made available, imparting essential knowledge and habits conducive to improved quality of life and increased prospects for success. This initiative will forge crucial connections between tenants and job training opportunities. This avenue promises to enhance skill sets and income potential, thereby furthering individual autonomy and personal advancement. In collaboration with community organizations, CASL will extend after-school programs ranging from tutoring to collaborative class projects. The goal is to augment assessment scores/grade point averages, expanding pathways to higher education.

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

CASL's initiative involves the provision of affordable supportive housing tailored for households with incomes ranging from 30% to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Out of the total 96 units, CASL will accommodate 96 households, thereby directly impacting and improving the lives of at least 150 individuals. This endeavor represents a crucial step toward addressing housing challenges within this income bracket and ensuring a stable and supportive living environment for those in need.

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

CASL's project entails the provision of 96 units within a garden-style apartment complex, featuring a mix of 1, 2, and 3-bedroom apartments. This development will undergo annual monitoring, with a comprehensive report being submitted to the state through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. The monitoring agency will conduct meticulous reviews encompassing various aspects including rent rolls, compliance with income limits to ensure that individuals with incomes ranging from 30% to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) are appropriately accommodated. Furthermore, assessments will be made regarding the number of households served, and oversight will be maintained to guarantee the effective implementation of support programs. This rigorous monitoring process underscores the commitment to transparency, accountability, and the optimal provision of services to the targeted population.

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?

A penalty in the form of a holdback of funds may be imposed in the event of a specified failure to meet deliverable. This measure is designed to incentivize adherence to the agreed-upon timeline and project milestones.

15. Requester Contact Information



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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)
- 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