



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1639

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>400,000</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)	400,000	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>400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Local and private foundation funding, as well as unrestricted revenue from our social enterprise.



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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.

## 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.

Ladies Empowerment and Action Program Inc, (LEAP) seeks funding to acquire a home, already built, to provide transitional housing. LEAP would own the building.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	\$400,000 towards purchase of transitional home.	400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>400,000</b>

14. Program Performance

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



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

The services are part of LEAP's comprehensive incarceration to community model of reentry for justice-involved women. The requested funds will specifically be used to purchase a house for the post release housing component of the continuum of care. Activities will include housing, classes, case management, employment. Classes cover addiction, life skills, anger management and parenting.

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

1. Up to 730 nights of safe housing per resident, for up to 12 residents at a time
2. Reduced rent and savings assistance- One month free and then \$450/month rent and \$50/month going into saving account
- 3 Meetings with case workers, trauma informed addiction groups
4. Wraparound health services
5. Post release employment at LEAP's paid internship program

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

Target population to be served: economically disadvantaged persons, jobless, persons with poor mental health, homeless, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders, victims of crime. With the Transitional Housing program, we can house up to 12 women at one time. We expect to serve at least 20 women per year.

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

PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM HARM: Less than 2% of residents return to prison or jail for a violent crime (as measured by state recidivism data. All participants will complete "Beyond Anger and Violence", an in-depth, gender specific, evidence based cognitive behavioral program. Attendance and completion are verified by LEAP instructors who deliver the course).

CREATE SPECIFIC IMMEDIATE JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Every resident will be employed as part of LEAP's paid technology and retail internship program for at least 3 months following her release from prison.
2. 90% of participants will secure permanent employment following the paid internship. Case manager and LEAP staff follow up.

REDUCE RECIDIVISM: The rate of recidivism for residents will be less than 7%. Measured by the Department of Corrections data.

REDUCE SUBSTANCE USE, ENHANCE SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL'S ECONOMIC SELF SUFFICIENCY, -Case manager follow up.

**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?**

Being banned from potential funding for 1 year.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**



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**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**