



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2908

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

4. Project/Program Description

Habitat for Humanity of Bay County owns three adjoining parcels of land that are being utilized to build our very first Habitat Village. The village will allow us to provide 15 single family homes to families. Homes that will be built primarily with volunteers from businesses and organizations throughout Bay County. Most importantly laying the foundation for success for these families while providing safe and secure housing. Housing is the biggest need in Bay County. Every sector of our community is impacted by the lack of affordable housing. We can build the homes through sponsorships and donations. The cost of infrastructure to develop this sub-division is where we are needing support and coming up short. Infrastructure requires a significant amount of funds and continues to increase. It's also something difficult to fund raise for, since it's not a actual service that makes people feel good about supporting.

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	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	600,000	18%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,250,000	67%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	600,000	2341A	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.

We are unaware of other options for infrastructure costs that are available to us. Those types of funds are usually directed to the county and individual municipalities. We have talked with our county, municipalities, and the FDOT searching for potential funding and come up with nothing.



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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.

Habitat for Humanity builds affordable housing by utilizing volunteer labor, donations, and other community resources. The home is then sold to the qualifying family at the true cost to build it. Habitat does hold the mortgage. However, the payment can't exceed 30% of the homeowners income. Plus, there's 0% interest charged. These funds received back are minimal and "recycled" to help us build more homes. Ultimately, Habitat isn't profiting with inflation alone on a 0% loan over 30 years.

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	The funding being requested is only to cover the shortage of funding needed for the costs of a General Contractor to put in the actual infrastructure. We thought we'd have that covered with our initial request, but those expenses have more than doubled. However, the good news is we've discovered we can build 15 homes versus the 10-12 I had thought we could fit in.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of these funds is to ultimate provide 15 affordable homes to families that are in need of safe and secure housing, but can't afford or qualify for a traditional loan. Homes that will also generate tax revenue, giving back to the municipality they are in. This solid "foundation" of a home only sets families up for success. Healthy families are needed for a healthy community.

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

The needed infrastructure will be built to allow us to build 15 single family homes. This includes roads, sidewalks, a retention pond, utilities, street lights, and other required items.

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

Safe and affordable housing will be created and healthy families are needed for a healthy community. Additionally, these are families that are putting in 500 hours of sweat equity themselves and taking educational classes. They have skin in the game and take great pride in how their property looks and is maintained. We've also seen them be more actively involved in their community because they've worked alongside volunteers from that community that helped them to build their home.

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

The targeted population is low income families who's income is between 35-70% AMI. This population is often refereed to as the "working poor". Others are disabled or seniors on a fixed income. The project will serve 15 families and our average family size is 4 individuals in a family, so 60 individuals.

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

Our community desperately needs affordable housing. While 15 homes or 60 individuals doesn't seem like many, it isn't a meal or a tangible item that's used up. Shelter is a basic human need and the homes provide safe, secure shelter (and so much more) for generations to come.

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?

Penalties would need to be assessed according to expected deliverables on a case-by-case basis as deemed appropriate.

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