



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1226

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Veterans Community Village (VCV) project is intended to reduce the number of homeless Veterans living in St. Lucie, Martin & Indian River Counties by providing a safe and secure environment in which they can receive comprehensive case management referrals, drug and alcohol addiction counseling, referral to mental health and medical treatment, Veteran Service Officer benefit services, and other assistance as needed by individual participants. Twelve to twenty-four month housing program.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	875,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>875,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	875,000	66%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	441,000	34%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>1,316,000</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.**
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**10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

St. Lucie County received \$55 million in CARES funding. Programs to address the following needs were implemented: Social Services, Economic Recovery, St. Lucie County Public Safety/Public Health, Constitutional Officers, Municipalities/Unincorporated Area, Future COVID-19/Hurricane Preparedness. St. Lucie County received \$63,737,844 in American Rescue Plan funding, allocated for Water and Sewer Infrastructure, Public Health and Negative Economic Impacts.

## 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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2023

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.

St. Lucie County Board of County Commission.

### 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	Funds to be used entirely for site infrastructure and development, impact and permit fees, planning & engineering, and construction.	875,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>875,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The goal of the Veterans Community Village is to increase the self-sufficiency of each Veteran participant to enable them to advance to mainstream permanent housing and jobs. The Veterans Community Village is designed to be a steppingstone to permanent supportive housing, with a final goal of home ownership. A dignified second chance.

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

The vision of the Veterans Community Village (VCV) project is to address this outstanding need in our community by providing a safe and secure environment. Veterans would be able to receive onsite comprehensive case management referrals for drug and alcohol counseling, mental health services, and medical treatment, Veteran Service Officer benefit services, and other as needed assistance. The need for this facility and these services has been exacerbated by COVID-19 and the affordable housing crisis. It's critical to St. Lucie County's economic resilience and the health and well-being of its Veteran residents and national heroes.

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

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

Homeless Veterans.

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

Expected outcomes of this project will ensure that our military heroes have a place to call home while receiving customized care and services designed to restore them to self-sufficiency with kindness, respect, and honor.

**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?**

Noncompliance with granting agencies would jeopardize the county's standing and the ability to leverage funds.

**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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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**