



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1558

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

4. Project/Program Description

Complete site work for Mercy Village. The Village will provide stable housing for adults, their children & unaccompanied 18 year old high school students. Our vision is to transform lives & build community, with program goals of providing for a stable & sustainable future. Participants in the self-sufficiency program will achieve personal, professional, spiritual & financial growth & stability. The program tiers, developed over 13 years of experience, ensure accountability & measurable results.

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	1,321,500
Total State Funds Requested	1,321,500

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)	1,321,500	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,321,500	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.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

October 1, 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

April 1, 2025

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.

Mercy Support Services, Inc., a 501.(c).(3), is the sole owner of the property.

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	Site work for Mercy Village. All zoning, permitting, and architectural plans are completed and paid for.	1,321,500
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,321,500

14. Program Performance

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

The funds will support the building of Mercy Village, a key housing component of our self-sufficiency model that integrates Christian values to help clients overcome crises and barriers by teaching them not just how to make a living, but how to truly live!

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



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The funds will provide professional and personal development, and wrap-around services through partnering churches, Mercy staff, and local organizations to address external barriers faced by program participants, such as childcare, transportation, employment, professional development, and career planning. Additionally, supportive housing is offered for participants without a permanent residence, with plans to expand capacity through Mercy Village. We currently have the capacity to house 7 families. *Our future Mercy Village will increase this capacity substantially to 21 units for our adult program, and eventually be 63 units for adults and 8 dorms for our student program (18+)

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

The appropriation project will offer our clients direct services, including supportive housing as part of the self-sufficiency program and an Activity Center for the provision of wrap-around services.

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

The project primarily serves low-income families that have the potential to increase their earning potential and capacity to become self-sustaining with a predominant demographic being young mothers with 2-3 children. In the first building, it is anticipated that over 80 individuals will be served annually. Upon the completion of Mercy Village, this number is expected to increase to 240 individuals benefiting from our supportive housing annually.

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

The anticipated benefit of our Self-Sufficiency Program is a lasting impact on the lives we serve. Our methodology involves a collaborative approach with community partners, using our Mercy Tiered model, and the future Mercy Village development. We aim to break the cycle of generational poverty and circumstantial struggles by transforming lives and while doing so, supporting children in these families, showing them a brighter future. Our measurement of success will focus on restoring individuals to a state of health and financial stability. This, in turn, will not only benefit the families we serve but also contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of our community.

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?

Return of all 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)
- Local Entity



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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