



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2375

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pathways to Home, a program of RISE Community Solutions, will locate and secure permanent housing for 25 child welfare-involved families who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity, with the intent to prevent children from entering/re-entering the child welfare system through response to the family's housing needs. By preventing entry into formal out-of-home care, the system more effectively utilizes available taxpayer resources.

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 | 495,998 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 495,998 |

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) | 495,998 | 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 | 495,998 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2023-24 | 0 | 495,998 | 315 | 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.

N/A

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.



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1. PPP loan: We satisfied the conditions to use this as a grant.
2. Through Orange County Govt. – ESG-CV CARES Act funding \$395,208 – new services to conduct eviction prevention for households with a direct COVID impact. We prevented the eviction of 45 households, inclusive of 60 adults and 112 children.

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)?

No

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.

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 | Case Manager Supervisor (.10 FTE) for supervision of the Case Manager for this project and assurance of quality services provided to families served. Salary \$5,150; Taxes & Benefits \$1,411. | 6,561 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Case Manager (1 FTE) to provide direct housing stabilization services to 25 families over a 12-month period. Salary \$40,570; Taxes & Benefits \$11,119 Housing Locator (.36 FTE) to identify and secure permanent housing for participating families. Salary \$17,000; Taxes & Benefits \$4,659 | 73,348 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Financial Assistance to 25 families \$404,349. Includes needs-based rental assistance, rental/utility deposit, rental application fees and funds for childcare, adult education and transportation to remove barriers to self- sufficiency; Office Supplies \$100; Background Screening \$100; Project FTE Cell Phone/Laptop \$1,625; Occupancy \$8,000; Case Manager Travel (mileage and tolls) \$1,915. | 416,089 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |



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| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | 495,998 |
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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?

In addition to needs-based financial assistance, families will participate in intensive housing case management to address goals for self-sufficiency.

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

Services to be provided are housing location services; payment of moving costs, rent assistance, utility assistance, and education costs; budgeting; case management; safety planning; financial literacy education; and referrals to supportive services such as employment, mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse services.

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

The targeted populations are child-welfare involved families, or families with children who are at risk of entering the child welfare system as a response to the family's housing insecurity or an experience of homelessness. The funds will secure housing for 25 families, or more than 100 individuals in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties.

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

Each family will be expected to show an increase of at least one point in the physical health, mental health, economic, education, and substance abuse domains as measured by the Arizona Self-Sufficiency Matrix assessment tool between the time of intake and the time of exit from the program. Additionally, 85% of participating families will not experience homelessness within six months of exiting the program.

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?

Discussion with Department on why measurements were missed, and placement on a Corrective Action Plan if needed to allow opportunity for corrections to be made.

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