



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2542

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose is to provide funding to Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. to expand transitional and emergency housing services in Broward County. The county already has one of the largest shelters in the state, however, in order to serve the needs of the families affected by domestic violence and the increased cost of housing, we are requesting a one-time allocation to assist in standing up a new housing opportunity.

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	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	22%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,000,000	17%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	7,000,000	61%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	11,500,000	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?

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



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ARP funding in the amount of \$500,000. We also received a PPP loan in the amount of \$238,000, which went to employee retainment, and was forgiven.

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?

11/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/2025

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.

Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc. will receive the funds to purchase/construction of a 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	Purchase of new building for additional safe transitional housing to serve victims of domestic violence.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The goal is to achieve safe and sustainable housing for domestic violence victims.

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

The services will be transitional housing and case management.

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



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While this appropriation will not directly pay for services, services such as case management, alcohol and drug counseling, therapeutic intervention, socioeconomic support, economic support and career counseling can be implemented once this new facility is operational.

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

The target population is domestic violence victims. The number of individuals will be in the thousands as Women in Distress serves thousands each year through the emergency shelter and outreach programs.

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

The benefits are extensive. Families will be able to have stable and affordable housing, while saving and getting services to prepare them for the next stages of their lives. The methodology used to measure will be a mixture of goal statements and surveys.

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?

If the funding is not used for the purchase/construction, the funds will revert back to the state.

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

University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="Rubin, Turnbull & Associates"/>
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d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(305)495-3868"/>