



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2800

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Facility renovations for the Residential Plaza at Blue Lagoon, Florida's largest assisted living community primarily serving low-income older adults. This comprehensive facility revitalization program is designed to enhance the establishment's structural integrity, functionality, and ambiance. With phased developments, we're rejuvenating communal spaces, fortifying exteriors, and modernizing interiors. Our approach guarantees infrastructure sustainability while fostering an environment that champions wellness, curbs isolation, and bolsters community ties. Through these efforts, we're committed to providing residents a dignified home, drawing families closer, and enabling our staff to deliver unmatched service.

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	175,000
Total State Funds Requested	175,000

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)	175,000	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	175,000	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?



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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)?

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		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	Funds are designated for renovations at Residential Plaza at Blue Lagoon, Florida's largest assisted living community serving primarily low-income older adults. This will cover essential repairs, modernizing spaces, and improving safety. Our aim is to offer an optimized, sustainable environment for our community's seniors.	175,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		175,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds prioritize our mission: improving the lives of low-income older adults in our community. Through facility revitalization, we aim to offer a safe, dignified environment tailored to their needs. This investment not only enhances structural integrity but also promotes social engagement, safety, and well-being, ensuring our community's vulnerable seniors are supported and valued.

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

The funds will drive key capital improvements essential for our facility's optimal operation. This includes structural repairs for longevity and safety, modernizing communal and residential spaces, enhancing safety features, integrating modern technology, creating engaging environments for cognitive and social stimulation, and implementing energy-efficient measures. These enhancements are pivotal in elevating the quality of care and life for our residents.

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

While the appropriation project focuses on capital enhancements, it paves the way for improved direct services to residents. These include seamless assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, and meal preparation. The modernized environment will better support mobility, recreation, and social interactions. Furthermore, residents will benefit from an enriched wellness program that promotes physical health, cognitive stimulation, and emotional well-being, all integral to the daily operations of our enhanced assisted living facility.

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

The target population for this project is low-income older adults aged 65 and over, with a particular emphasis on individuals with disabilities and those diagnosed with HIV. In the current context, where Miami-Dade is the second county in the nation with the highest older adult population and considering the housing crisis that Florida is grappling with, the need for our facility becomes even more pronounced. As the largest of its kind in Florida, we're strategically positioned to address the unique needs of this underserved demographic.

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

Expected Benefit/Outcome:
 This initiative seeks to better living conditions for older low-income adults, especially those with disabilities or HIV. With Miami-Dade's aging populace and Florida's housing challenge, we anticipate better well-being, less isolation, and higher care standards.

Measurement Approach:
 Success will be gauged through resident feedback, monitoring wellness program involvement, and noting fewer incidents such as falls. Trends in occupancy and waitlists will also signal our facility's influence and attractiveness.

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?

In the event of any failure to meet the specified deliverables or performance measures as outlined in our contract, we fully understand and respect the importance of accountability. Therefore, we commit to abiding by any and all penalties and remedial actions deemed appropriate by the Department of Elder Affairs, in addition to the standard penalties. We recognize the significance of these measures in ensuring the highest quality of service and adherence to the terms of the agreement, and we are dedicated to maintaining compliance with these standards as set forth by the regulating agency.

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



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number