



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2964

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

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of 72 attainable housing units for people experiencing homelessness, mental illness, and substance use disorder (chronically underfunded populations). A \$9,000,000 appropriation for gap funding allows BCI to obtain the additional \$20+ million required to complete the \$30 million project through Non-competitive private activity bonds with 4% tax credits. Attainable housing funding opportunities are less available than typical affordable housing. Funding for attainable housing through FHFC programs is difficult due to required services and less debt incurrence.

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	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	9,000,000

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)	9,000,000	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	9,000,000	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.

\$942,545 - Paycheck Protection Program, to retain staffing levels during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
 \$122,860 - Cares Act General Distribution, to provide Medicare and Medicaid services during the COVID-10 pandemic.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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	New construction of permanent supportive housing for individuals transitioning out of homelessness and those experiencing mental health and substance use disorders with a preference to serve Veterans.	9,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		9,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Willow Way Village (WWV) will be a newly constructed 72-unit permanent supportive housing community in Okaloosa County. The development design is a three (3) story garden-style apartment complex, consisting of 36 studio and 36 one-bedroom apartments, with 36 parking spaces provided for residents.

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

Commence construction of WWV (planning, design, and pre-development activities have been completed).

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

Bridgeway Center, Inc. will maintain on-site offices and provide supportive services to residents, including psychiatric medication management and mental health and substance use disorder treatment services. The common areas of the development will include a clubhouse, computer lab, library, and a community garden. Bridgeway's offices will be available for community partners to provide vocational training as well as recovery meetings. The development is located in close proximity to numerous grocery stores, medical care facilities, and business for general shopping needs.

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

WWV will target individuals transitioning out of homelessness who are experiencing mental health and substance use disorders. The project will also designate veterans as a priority population for housing. Okaloosa County is home to Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt field, and veterans comprise 15.5% of the Okaloosa County population according to the latest US Census report.

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

To reduce homelessness and housing instability in the target population by building a safe living environment and providing recovery-oriented supportive services to WWV residents.

Outcome Measures:
 90% occupancy rate maintained
 15% of veterans housed
 30% of residents will engage in on-site supportive services.

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?

Standard contract penalties and/or revocation of remaining grant funds to be considered for failing to meet deliverables or performance standards.

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)



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- 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