



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3560

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

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5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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?**

No



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/30/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/30/2025

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.

The owners would be Concept House

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	Purchase of new furniture as well as new appliances such as stoves and refrigerators.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	New roofs, new dry wall, new electrical, new plumbing and paint for the 2 homes that will house foster kids.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

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?



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The construction and furnishing of new housing opportunities tailored for aged-out foster children. We are committed to creating a supportive environment by not only constructing the homes but also ensuring they are equipped with essential appliances. Our focus is on delivering comprehensive solutions to empower these individuals as they transition into independent living. From the construction phase to the provision of appliances, our goal is to foster a secure and comfortable space for aged-out foster children to thrive in their newfound independence.

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

Directly serving citizens by offering two primary services: construction of new housing tailored for aged-out foster children and the purchase of essential appliances for these homes. Through the construction service, we aim to provide safe and comfortable living spaces, specifically designed to meet the unique needs of individuals who have aged out of the foster care system. Additionally, our appliance purchase service ensures that these homes are equipped with the necessary tools for daily living, fostering independence and self-sufficiency. By combining these services, we strive to make a tangible and positive impact on the lives of aged-out foster children, empowering them to embark on their journey towards independent living.

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

Our primary focus is on aged-out foster children who are transitioning into independent living. The target population comprises individuals who have reached the age where they are no longer under the care of the foster care system. These young adults often face unique challenges as they navigate the transition to self-sufficiency.

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

These new homes will offer safe spaces, nutritious meals, and access to healthcare, addressing their basic needs and promoting a healthier lifestyle. Regular meals and a secure living environment are fundamental to their physical development, ensuring they have the necessary foundation for a better future. The sense of belonging and stability provided by these homes will foster emotional well-being. A supportive environment can boost their self-esteem, confidence, and sense of security, helping them cope with past traumas and navigate life's challenges more effectively. Professional counseling and mentorship programs within these homes can further enhance their mental health. Conduct a comprehensive assessment of the participants' current status in terms of physical and mental health, substance abuse issues, and economic self-sufficiency before they enter the new homes. This provides a baseline to measure progress.

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?

Organization should return funding if it fails to meet deliverables or performance measures.

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