



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1069

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This project would consist of undertaking a county-wide Housing Needs Assessment followed by a Comprehensive Housing Plan to identify the housing needs in St. Lucie and develop a plan to address those needs. Developing policies to alleviate the county's critical affordable housing needs requires a full understanding of the dynamics of the housing market and the economic contexts underpinning affordable housing. This understanding and perspective has been accentuated by the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, a Housing Needs Assessment is imperative to help expand the importance of affordable housing – to recognize that affordable housing is critical to St. Lucie County's economic resilience and the health and well-being of its residents. A comprehensive and impactful affordable housing development delivery system for the long-term is needed to help overcome current and persistent levels of distress while better preparing for inevitable future shock.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes  No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>100,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

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

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

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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

Yes

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

CARES Act Funding Expenditures: grand total - \$55.2 million, including: social services - \$11.2 million; public safety, public health, and constitucionals - \$39.2 million; municipalities and unincorporated St. Lucie County - \$2.7 million; economic recovery - \$192,062; and small business assistance program - \$1.8 million.  
 Note: St. Lucie County is in the process of reconciling CARES Act expenditures with the state. There may be adjustments to some of the categories after the final reconciliation.

**11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	St. Lucie County procurement of a consulting firm to conduct a Housing Needs Assessment in coordination with the cities of Port Saint Lucie and Fort Pierce. The Needs Assessment would include statistical data from newly released census data, stakeholder meetings, and various community engagement events. The data in the Housing Needs Assessment would then be used to formulate a county-wide Comprehensive Housing Plan to include strategies, recommendations, goals, and objectives to address housing.	100,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>100,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The goal of the funding requested would be to identify the unmet housing needs in St. Lucie County and create a comprehensive county-wide strategic plan that provides short terms and long term strategies and initiatives to address the needs identified in the assessment.

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

Consulting services will be procured with the funds requested. The consultant will work with staff from the county and cities to prepare a comprehensive county-wide needs assessment and housing plan.

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

The long term goal of the project is to increase the number of affordable housing units available to St. Lucie County residents.

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



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The target population for this project includes the ALICE population. ALICE is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed — households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. The number of individuals expected to be served is unknown. In addition to the ALICE population, the senior population is also a target population.

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

Expected outcomes of this project may include, but are not limited to, the number of housing units added to the housing stock, increased access to affordable housing, increased applications to housing programs, increased neighborhood support for affordable housing, increased housing opportunities for low-income families, homeowner/tenant satisfaction, improved quality of life for residents, and increased long term housing opportunities. These outcomes would be measured utilizing organizational records, surveys, review of applications, and interviews of residents.

**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 will be sufficient.

**13. 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.**

This project does not include owners of a facility or fixed capital outlay funding.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number