



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2199

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

These funds are requested to renovate an existing building to serve as transitional housing for those clients that are discharged from the Forensic Pre-Trial Program, the Detoxification Unit, or those experiencing homelessness to include veterans. This facility will provide a safe, stable environment. The facility is located at the same campus as the Forensic Pre-trial Program and Detoxification Unit. The residents will be required to pay rent and provide their own food and personal hygiene items. This facility will be self-supported by the payment of rent from the residents. Residents may access all Bridgeway Center, Inc. (BCI) services as needed. This is not a recovery residence, and no therapeutic services will be provided at the facility. Down-stair bedrooms are available and comply with ADA requirements for those residents who are unable to navigate stairs. The goal of this facility is for the residents to obtain permanent housing within the community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>850,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>850,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

\$942,545 - Payment Protection Loan, used to cover payroll expense during the FY's 20 & 21.  
 \$122,860 - Cares Act Relief Distribution, used to offset revenue loss due to Covid-19 pandemic.

## 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

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.**

Bridgeway Center, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that has a volunteer Board of Trustees. Bridgeway Center, Inc. (BCI) does not have any owners. The fixed capital outlay funding will be received by the organization.

### 13. 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	NA	0
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	NA	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NA	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This building requires extensive renovations in order to meet life safety codes, fire prevention, security, and building codes. The plans and cost estimates are provided in collaboration with a local architect, paid by Bridgeway Center. Everything except the foundation and studs will have to be removed and replaced. The brick exterior is still usable.	850,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>850,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will be used to renovate and equip a building that will be used as transitional housing for clients that are recently discharged from the Forensic Pre-Trial Unit, the Detoxification Unit, and those experiencing homelessness to include veterans. This facility will house up to 15 people. This will provide a safe, and stable environment for residents who would otherwise be homeless or have to return to an unsafe environment. The goal of the facility is to transition residents to permanent housing within the community.

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

The renovation of this building will ensure that clients have access to safe, and stable housing. Residents must agree to safety rules of the facility and comply. Residents will have access to BCI programs and services as needed.

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

Housing that is stable and safe for residents who would otherwise be homeless or be returned to an unsafe environment. Residents will have access to BCI programs and services as needed to assist in reaching their goal for permanent housing in the community.

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

Adults aged 18 and up, persons living in shelters, persons that are homeless. Residents will be employed or have access to consistent source of income to pay rent. Residents must be able to care for themselves without the need of support for daily living activities. Program will serve up to 15 clients for a short period of time to help them transition into their own permanent housing. Program will maintain 15 clients consistently throughout its operation.

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

Clients will increase their ability to maintain long term stability and transition to permanent community housing. Stable housing leads to a decrease in hospitalizations, arrests, homelessness, overdoses, suicides, and maladaptive behavior. For the general community, this funding would decrease the state and local government spending on these clients due to better long term outcomes.

**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?**

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract would require Bridgeway Center, Inc. to return the funds to the State of Florida.

**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)



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- 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**