



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3070

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Salvation Army of Lee, Hendry, and Glades Counties will strengthen the resilience of low to moderate income households by constructing new, storm hardened facilities for sheltering, feeding, social services, and addiction recovery programs at 2400 Edison Avenue, Fort Myers. Current facilities failing condition caused by continuous occupancy over the last 70 years and weather inhibits its maximum benefit to Southwest Florida communities under normal circumstances and eliminates it as a safe storm shelter.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	15,000,000

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)	15,000,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	23,000,000	61%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	38,000,000	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?**

Yes



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

407,583.71 Emergency Solutions Grant - Rental Assistance
 501,088.00 Emergency Solutions Grant - Rapid Transitional Collaboration RRH
 113,000.00 Emergency Solutions Grant - Rapid Transitional Collaboration Supportive Serv.
 465,000.00 American Rescue Food Insecurity - Lee County Supplemental Food
 132,000.00 American Rescue Plan Act - Homeless Resource Day Center
 70,000.00 American Rescue Plan Act - Bonita Springs Food Insecurity

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

1/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

1/1/2026

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.

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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 to be utilized to initiate and complete the following: design, engineering, planning, demolition and construction of 284-bed emergency transitional shelter.	15,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		15,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Construct a new four-facility Center of Hope campus that includes an expanded 284-bed, storm-rated emergency transitional shelter for families and individuals; upgraded Outreach Services Center with an expanded social service program including a training kitchen to train workers for the hospitality industry, and a 4,700 sq. ft. choice food pantry; an expanded Corrections Program; a disaster services facility; a worship/community space; and an air-nasium.

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

Emergency transitional shelter for homeless individuals and families; addiction recovery counseling in a sober living environment for court-ordered individuals; client- choice food pantry; case management for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families; community meeting, worship, and recreation activities; hospitality industry workforce development; emergency disaster services; seasonal assistance for children and senior adults; and prepared meals for the hungry.

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

284-bed emergency transitional housing for homeless families and individuals (an increase from the current 7 family rooms, 48 beds for single men, 24 beds for single women, 32 beds for court-ordered addiction recovery), choice food pantry, case management for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families, community and team-building activities, physical exercise opportunities, workforce development, season assistance for children and senior adults, prepared meals for the hungry.

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

Programs and services will target low-to-moderate-income residents and homeless individuals in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties; a total population of 840,523 (US Census Bureau, 7/2021 estimate). An average of 17.7% of residents live below the poverty level and an average of 35% of Lee County households earn below the Federal Poverty Level and are not eligible for government assistance (United Way ALICE Project 2020). In January 2022, 327 unsheltered homeless individuals were identified (Lee County Homeless Coalition 2022 PIT Count). TSA expects to serve approximately 90,000 men, women, and children annually.

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

The new Center of Hope will increase the capacity for workforce development, reduction of social services, create sustainability for homeless and near-homeless families and individuals. At least a double increase in case management, 100% increase emergency transitional shelter capacity, placement in permanent housing, Ability to provide more food to individuals and families through the food pantry program and be a resource during any natural disaster. Measurement will be done through intake forms, program interaction and program success.

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?

As this request is part of a larger budget for the Fort Myers Center of Hope then standards of measure must be established with an agreed upon timeline between the Salvation Army and the Construction Management team for completion of the project as defined by a mutually agreed contract. Penalties for failure to meet the timeline requirements should be met with additional fines and sanctions as outlined by the contract to insure timely completion of the project.

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