



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3165

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

4. Project/Program Description

Construction of Mercy Village to establish 65 units that will house our family and student self-sufficiency program clients. The 5.1 acre property and 7,000 sq. ft. building was purchased by donations of \$1.125 M The Village will allow us to expand our capacity for programs and services to meet the growing needs of families and students in Clay County The Village will have 1-, 2- and 3- bedroom apartments for our adult and family self-sufficiency clients, as well as 2 dorm-style apartments for unaccompanied 18-year old high school students referred to us by Project Reach coordinators. Mercy Support Services has cultivated a robust program to meet the needs of people in crisis for the last 12 years by providing a safe place of hope, potential and possibilities to break the cycle of poverty. Our successful programs achieved true transformation for those whose circumstances have placed them in heed. Our programs result in less dependence on subsidies and other government support.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	65%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	13%
Other	330,000	22%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,530,000	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.
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

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	Construction of phase 1	1,000,000
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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Mercy Village will provide stable housing for adult, family and student clients. The goal of our programs is to empower people to use their own skills and abilities to care for themselves and their families. Successful graduation will mean a client is able to secure adequate housing, maintain a permanent full-time job with adequate pay, have discretionary income and the ability to save, has reliable transportation, no or extremely low reliance on government benefits and is spiritually and mentally sound.

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

Families and students will be housed and offered a self-sufficiency program that will provide an individualized Care Plan based on the barriers that have kept them in the situation they are. The housing costs will be set at 30% of their income when an income is being earned.

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

In order to prepare individuals to be able to provide for themselves and their families the Care Plan will include but not limited to: life and financial coaching, life skills training, career development to include an educational component. Preparing parents for independent living at the same time influencing outcomes for their children as well.

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

According to the US Census Bureau 9.6% of Clay citizens live at or below the federal poverty level and 37% live below the United Way ALICE level. Mercy Village will expand our current capacity to serve those in Clay County who circumstances place them in temporary need. 92% of our clients are woman who are divorced, separated or abandoned, most with children. The 63 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments will be able to serve an average of 180 adults and children depending on family size and 8 unaccompanied high school students, 4 males and 4 females.

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

The expected benefits will be families that are more prepared to face the challenges of living. Our Self-Sufficiency program is focused on life transformation. It is one thing to teach a person how to make a living, we also need to teach them how to live. Their will be an activity center on the campus to foster community activities and interaction with their neighbors. The center will be the hub for tutoring, cooking classes, shopping on a budget as well as game nights, movie nights, etc. Outcomes will be measured by graduation rates, increase in income levels, sustainable employment, improvement in education. We will also encourage families to give back financially and through volunteering. We are able to track client's progress software called Mission Tracker.

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?

Return of the state funds

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



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- 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