



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1215

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CASL will provide affordable housing and supportive services which will ensure people have access to permanent housing in their communities. The program will serve Floridians with severe mental health disorders, veterans with disabilities, youth aging out of foster care, and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities. The model is designed to prevent and reduce homelessness, reduce recidivism to homelessness, jails, CSUs, and hospitals by helping people attain independence and achieve permanent, safe, affordable housing. Approximately 90% of our residents have an income of \$0 to \$11,316 per year, fair market housing is not affordable. We have consistently delivered a significant reduction in acute care costs exceeding 80 percent.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	3,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,000,000	37%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,965,565	35%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,361,779	16%
Local	609,896	7%
Other	443,008	5%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,380,248	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	1,500,000	377	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Currently, there are no sources of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversight - supervision and management of operations to ensure staff provide high quality, evidenced based services, program outcomes are met, and services meet quality standards	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Data analyst and accountant to ensure data collection and submission, auditing and fraud prevention, completion of required financial reports	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Program staff (direct service providers)	2,494,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facilities, Technology, Vehicles, Insurance, Fuel, Supplies, Training, Health records, Incidentals	256,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. 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?

Permanent housing (e.g. homes/duplexes/apartments), case management, care coordination, crisis intervention, supportive housing/living, financial management, peer support, outreach, transportation, and benefits management services; as well as, advocacy on behalf of the clients in an effort to mitigate challenges, barriers, and obstacles enable to ensure clients achieve and maintain permanent housing in the community.

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

Our case managers provide the services listed in 13b directly to clients helping them develop literacy skills, job skills, budgeting, healthcare access, transportation, accessing community resources and services, computer skills, nutrition and meal planning, communication skills, personal hygiene and home management, and security and safety management.

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

The populations served include adults with mental health disorders, substance use disorders, veterans with disabilities, youth aging out of foster care, adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities, and adults who are homeless and have one or more disabling conditions. CASL expects to serve 1200+ people.

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

The project offers housing and supportive services, ensuring the basic need of having shelter is achieved by program participants; thereby assisting the State of Florida with reducing homelessness and managing and improving the system of care. Individuals must have shelter to avail themselves of mental health, addiction, educational, vocational, and medical services. The outcomes will be measured by individuals served and remaining in an independent living situation (permanent supportive housing).

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 in the contract?

DCF requires services and people served to be unloaded/maintained in FASAMS. Managing Entity's require this information be uploaded in their systems to ensure the number of services provided equals or exceeds the invoiced amount ensuring that billing matches data. If there is not enough data uploaded into their system to indicate services provided per contract requirements, MEs reduce the payment to the provider. CASL has consistently exceeded the outcomes and contract requirements with 100% reporting compliance.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

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- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received



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- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.