



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1464

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

4. Project/Program Description

The City of DeLand constructed a 6,500 sq ft facility that houses 30 crises shelter beds, commercial kitchen, showers, laundry and includes a day center. The City partnered with the Neighborhood Center of West Volusia to manage the day to day operations of the facility, which opened in 2020. The day center includes Coordinated Entry, Case Management, Job Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Basic Medical, Food, Showers, Laundry and an array of services specifically oriented to serve the population. The facility also provides a platform for which we can provide immediate housing (Housing First). Since opening in 2020, The Bridge has found housing for 300 individuals, 400 have found work, served 200,000 meals. All with the help of over 100,000 volunteer hours since inception. The costs are funded through annual grants from businesses, churches and other local governments in West Volusia. The City is asking for \$835,517 to assist with the long term viability of the project.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	835,517
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	835,517

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)	835,517	51%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	803,380	49%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,638,897	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

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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The Bridge has been funded primarily from donations from business, churches, and local governments in West Volusia. However, we have reached a limit on the amount of funding that can be raised locally and with the increasing costs of the Bridge State funding is requested to ensure the continued operation of the shelter.

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	The Neighborhood Center's Chief Executive Officer directly responsible for agency accountability of The Bridge's operations to the City of DeLand and its adherence to policy protocol.	17,632
Other Salary and Benefits	<p>The Neighborhood Center's Chief Financial Officer is responsible for annual budget and quarterly reporting/invoicing for The Bridge. In addition, CFO manages all financial aspects of The Bridge on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The Neighborhood Center's Chief Operating Officer is responsible for the direct supervision of The Bridge Director and adherence to policy and procedure.</p> <p>The Bridge Director is responsible for all the day-to day operations and well as the supervision of all staff.</p>	89,944
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries for all case management salaries and shelter coordinators. This includes taxes, health care and worker's compensation.	476,581



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Personnel Development Occupancy Computer Support Offices Services (file shredding) Equipment/Furniture & Vehicle Expenses Building Expenses (janitorial, pest control, waste removal, repairs & maintenance) Auto Insurance Direct Client Care General Operating Costs (office supplies, printing, program supplies, fuel costs, postage)	251,360
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)		835,517

13. Program Performance

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

To provide long term sustainability for a much needed community service. Treating homelessness in the early stages is less costly for governments and the community due to early case management.

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

Coordinated Entry, Case Management, Job Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Basic Medical, Food, Showers, Laundry and an array of services specifically oriented to serve the population. The facility also provides a platform for which we can provide immediate housing (Housing First). The goal is to find permanent housing within 90 days.

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

Coordinated Entry, Case Management, Job Counseling, Mental Health Counseling, Basic Medical, Food, Showers, Laundry and an array of services specifically oriented to serve the population.

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

The target population is any person or family that could (or are) experience homelessness. To date, the Bridge has found housing for 261 individuals, 364 have found work, served 98,696 meals. All with the help of over 10,000 volunteer hours since inception. The Bridge is a program that is utilized by all of West Volusia, which includes: DeLand, Orange City, Deltona and our neighboring jurisdictions.

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

To reduce homelessness in DeLand and West Volusia. The measurements are number of individuals where housing is found, number of individuals that have found work, and the number of meals served.

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?

Any penalty would adversely impact services rendered due to budgeting, but if something were to be considered it could be a percentage reduction in overall funding if certain agreed upon benchmarks are not met from the data cited above in question 14 e.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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



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- 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):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- 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



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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 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.