



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1563

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funds will be used to identify and purchase land and build affordable housing for Monroe County's workforce. This aligns with the statutory mandate for the Florida Keys, an Area of Critical State Concern, to offer affordable housing near employment opportunities. Additionally, the project will enable all three Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Florida Keys to complete new housing construction and explore opportunities to rehabilitate existing homes.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,900,000</b>

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)	1,900,000	71%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	786,000	29%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>2,686,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?**  No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

**Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**



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**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)?** Yes

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 07/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 06/30/2026

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

The three Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Florida Keys maintain their operations through local, state, federal, and philanthropic funding.

**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.**

The Habitat for Humanity is the owner to receive the funding. Also, Lindsay Fast, from Habitat for Humanity in the Upper Keys.

**12. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used solely for the purchase of land, the construction of new housing, and the rehabilitation of existing Habitat housing stock in Monroe County.	1,900,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,900,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Funds will be used to identify and purchase land and for the construction of affordable housing for Monroe County's workforce, in alignment with the statutory requirement the Florida Keys face as an Area of Critical State Concern to provide affordable housing in proximity to places of employment. This project will allow all three Habitat for Humanity affiliates in the Florida Keys to complete construction of new housing and identify opportunities for rehabilitating existing housing stock.

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



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Funds will be used to provide much needed affordable housing for the workforce of the Florida Keys and to rehabilitate existing housing stock. These properties will help give residents the ability to live in the same community where they work.

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

Development of new and rehabilitated housing for income qualified residents of the Florida Keys.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, 25-50 people

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

Completion of construction and renovation projects in Monroe County that establish additional affordable housing stock for Monroe County's workforce.

**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?**

Withholding of funds

**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):**

Hurricane Irma

**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



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- No
- No, but intends to apply

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

Dept. of Commerce

**17. Requester Contact Information**

- a. First Name** Lindsay **Last Name** Fast
- b. Organization** Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys
- c. E-mail Address** lindsay@habitatupperkeys.org
- d. Phone Number** (305)453-7855 **Ext.**

**18. Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization** Habitat for Humanity of the Upper Keys
- b. Municipality and County** Monroe
- 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** Lindsay **Last Name** Fast
- e. E-mail Address** lindsay@habitatupperkeys.org
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