



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1995

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The construction of 3 disaster resilient homes and 10 roof repairs or replacements for families earning less than 80% of the area median income with a preference for veterans, first responders, healthcare workers, or education workers. Habitat Hillsborough homes are built to be resilient to hurricanes. We build homes with hip roofs, outswing exterior doors, they do not have any large exterior overhangs, ceramic tile, and they are equipped with hurricane shutters.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	62%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	75,000	6%
Local	0	0%
Other	395,000	32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,220,000	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		

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.**

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 02/03/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 08/31/2026

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

Habitat Hillsborough has a track record of fundraising for housing projects that benefit low-income families. In addition, we will provide the homeowner with an affordable mortgage (no more than 30% of their income) and layer the mortgage with down payment assistance as it is available.

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.

Habitat homeowners work through our program providing sweat equity and completing required education to ensure they are ready for the responsibilities of homeownership. Upon completion of their home and our program, they will take title to the property. Roof repairs/replacement will require a 5-year lien against the homeowner's property.

12. 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		
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	Purchase of 3 lots in Hillsborough County and a portion of the construction costs for the homes and 10 roof repairs/replacements.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

3 low-income households will be provided with an affordable mortgage (no more than 30% of their income) that will allow them to become homeowners and break the cycle of poverty. 10 families will provided with roofing services to protect them from weather related disasters.



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

Habitat Hillsborough will purchase the land and construct 3 hurricane resilient homes for low-income families. In addition, Habitat will provide them with a zero percent interest mortgage and the education to ensure they are homebuyer ready. Such education includes a HUD certified housing counseling class, financial and home maintenance classes. 10 families will be provided with roof repairs/replacement with a 5-year lien against their property, in addition they will be invited to participate in the Habitat education curriculum.

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

Affordable homeownership or retention and education.

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

Households that earn less than 80% of the area median income. We expect that at least 25 individuals will be served. A preference will be in place for veterans, first responders, healthcare workers and education workers.

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

3 families will have financial security and the ability to gain generational wealth, therefore breaking the cycle of poverty. 3 hurricane resilient homes will be built, and an affordable mortgage will be provided. 10 families will gain the ability to stay in their homes due to roofing projects. 10 liens will be placed on the homes for 5 years.

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?

Return of funding.

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

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):

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:



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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)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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