



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2017

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

4. Project/Program Description

Complete site work for Mercy Village. The Village will provide stable housing for adults, their children & unaccompanied 18 year old high school students. Our vision is to transform lives & build community, with program goals of providing for a stable & sustainable future. Participants in the self-sufficiency program will achieve personal, professional, spiritual & financial growth & stability. The program tiers, developed over 13 years of experience, ensure accountability & measurable results.

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	635,000
Total State Funds Requested	635,000

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)	635,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	635,000	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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 01-10-2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 07-31-2027

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

Once the site work is completed, vertical construction can begin. Vertical construction will be paid for from funds on hand, and additional private donations, grants, and corporate donations. Operations have been paid for in each of the previous 14 years from private donations, partner churches donations, grants, and community fundraisers.

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.

Mercy Support Services, Inc., as a nonprofit entity, is the sole owner of the property and existing buildings.

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	Site work for Mercy Village. All zoning, permitting, and architectural plans are completed and paid for.	635,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		635,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will begin the construction of Mercy Village. Mercy Village will allow for expansion of our existing programs and consolidation of the transitional housing that we currently have, expanding from 7 housing units to 21. We currently have more qualified applicants for our adult and student self-sufficiency programs than we have capacity, and the need is growing. Providing stable transitional housing is necessary while enrolled in the self-sufficiency program. Life Coaching integrates Christian values into the lives of the participants to help them overcome crises and barriers by teaching them not just how to make a living, but how to truly live!



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

The funds will provide a facility where professional and personal services can be delivered. Wrap-around services will be provided through partnering churches, Mercy staff, and local organizations to address external barriers faced by program participants, such as childcare, transportation, employment, professional development, and career planning. The additional temporary supportive housing offered to participants without a permanent residence will expand capacity from 7 to 21, and allow the participants to all be in one location.

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

The State Appropriation will help initiate the capital outlay needed to construct Mercy Village. Mercy Village will allow for an expansion of current operations that will not rely on state funding. Our clients will continue to receive direct services, including temporary supportive housing and life coaching, aiming to break the cycle of poverty and restore individuals to a state of health and financial stability. This, in turn, will not only benefit the families we serve but also contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of our county and state.

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

Mercy currently serves families in crisis to prevent them from becoming homeless, and also work with Project REACH to help 18-year-old high school students to learn the life skills necessary to keep them from becoming homeless. Our program success has drawn the attention of Seamark Ranch and Pace Center for Girls, who are utilizing our coaching programs. The demographic currently served is predominantly young mothers with 2 or more children and high school aged children. The first building is anticipated to serve over 80 individuals annually. Upon the completion of Mercy Village, this number is expected to increase to 240 individuals annually.

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

The anticipated benefit of our Self-Sufficiency Program is a lasting impact on the lives we serve. Our methodology involves a collaborative approach with community partners, using our life coaching program and the Mercy Tiered model approach. We aim to break the cycle of generational poverty and circumstantial struggles by transforming lives and while doing so, supporting children in these families, showing them a brighter future. Our measurement of success will focus on restoring individuals to a state of health and financial stability. This, in turn, will not only benefit the families we serve but also contribute to the overall well-being and prosperity of our community.

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 all state monies.

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



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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.