



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2203

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Both 'Housing Development' and 'Unsheltered Residents' have been established as strategic priorities by the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners. Palm Beach County's FY 2026 will mark the final year of annual \$2.55M allocations toward these priorities that began in FY 2017 as part of the County's one cent infrastructure surtax. Numerous capital projects and initiatives remain in the planning stages, and the requested funds will be used to leverage the County's \$2.55M to deliver housing units for those in need.

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	2,550,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,550,000</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)	2,550,000	34%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	2,250,000	31%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,550,000	35%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>7,350,000</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)?** No

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

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 06/30/2027

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

Ad valorem funds are regularly budgeted for the upkeep and maintenance of County facilities. A combination of ad valorem and federal funds are utilized for operations (services and programs) of County emergency and transitional housing facilities.

**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.**

Palm Beach County is the recipient, intended facility owner, and entity making the request for capital facility funding.

**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	All requested funds will be spent in support of the design, permitting and construction of capital improvements producing housing units for Palm Beach County's homeless, extremely low income and/or low income population. Said units will remain the ownership of Palm Beach County in order to retain a stock of housing for those most in need into the future.	2,550,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,550,000</b>

**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?**

The need for housing units to accommodate homeless, extremely low-income and low-income (2,126 unsheltered identified during the 2024 Point-in-Time Count) surpasses the capacity of the County's \$2.55M FY 2026 surtax funding alone. Professional design, permitting and construction services to deliver as many housing units as is financially feasible will be provided with the requested funds.

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

Housing units delivered by the appropriate project will not only render shelter to citizens in need but will also position the occupants for wrap-around services that are customary of Palm Beach County emergency and transitional housing facilities toward the goal of achieving economic self-sufficiency.

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

Housing units delivered with the requested funds will be targeted for homeless, extremely low-income and low-income individuals in Palm Beach County. The County's 2024 Point-in-Time Count identified 2,126 unsheltered individuals, whereas the number of individuals expected to be served will be less (estimated 51-100) as a function of the number of housing units that can be delivered with available funding.

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

As housing is a fundamental human need, and Palm Beach County employs the 'Housing First' model to combat homelessness, the delivery of housing units to shelter those in need (especially since passage of House Bill 1365 in 2024) will serve as a tangible measure of the benefit and outcome realized by expenditure of the funds requested. Outcomes can be measured by: 1) comparison of trend data from annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts and occupancy of/wait list for County emergency housing facilities from years past and future; 2) number of housing units constructed to completion; and 3) date of construction completion and occupancy of housing units.

**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?**

Reimbursement of the appropriated funds in full should same not be timely expended for their intended purpose.

**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):**

**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.*