



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2404

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

4. Project/Program Description

LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast, Inc. promotes mental health stability and economic self-sufficiency by filling gaps in community services for low-income individuals striving to break cycles of hardship. Funds will be used to provide housing, counseling, education, and job readiness support while addressing immediate needs that threaten progress. With expanded case management services, LifeBuilders empowers individuals to rebuild their lives and contribute to safer, stronger communities.

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	550,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	550,000

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)	550,000	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	10,000	1%
Other	240,000	30%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	800,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	550,000	377	No

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.**

LifeBuilders would be unable to assist clients without 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)?

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Development Coordinator	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, printers, website, telephones, postage, supplies	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Miscellaneous consultant services	60,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Assistant position	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Client disbursements, including treatment costs - both inpatient and outpatient, mental health medication supplementation, transitional and traditional housing, utilities, educational fees, drug testing, assistant in obtaining employment, transportation assistance.	375,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Case manager	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		550,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will enhance LifeBuilders of the Treasure Coast, Inc.'s efforts to support individuals on their journey to recovery and mental well-being. By providing critical resources such as mental health treatment, housing, education, and basic necessities, 87% of all donations directly impact lives, empowering individuals to achieve stability and success. This investment generates long-term community benefits, fostering stronger, healthier individuals who contribute positively to society.

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



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LifeBuilders will provide a “hand up” to low-income individuals and families impacted by the 19th Judicial Circuit Criminal/Dependency Courts, helping them break the cycle of court involvement and stay on the path to success. Services include housing assistance, mental health and substance abuse treatment, education, transportation, and basic needs, enabling offenders to re-enter society

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

LifeBuilders’ carefully regulated financial assistance will include funding for: inpatient/residential placement for clients with mental health and/or substance use disorder needs; outpatient treatment/counseling; drug testing; housing (traditional and transitional); utilities; and basic needs, which includes education assistance, transportation, obtaining ID, and work assistance.

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

Persons with poor mental health, Jobless persons, Economically disadvantaged persons, At-risk youth, Homeless, Currently or formerly incarcerated persons, Drug offenders (in criminal Justice) and Victims of crime. Between 401- 800 of the target population are expected to be served.

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

Improved access to community services, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment provided by LifeBuilders, has led to life-changing outcomes. Between July 2023 and June 2024, LifeBuilders invested a total of \$558,090 into the community. This critical investment helped individuals achieve stability and rebuild their lives, reducing the cycle of mental illness and substance abuse within the criminal justice system. By ensuring 80% of clients have enhanced access to mental health care, LifeBuilders provides case management services that track and report on this essential access, fostering long-term recovery and community well-being.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in loss 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#:



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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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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