



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2411

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

4. Project/Program Description

GraceWay Village seeks funding to help build their Family Restorative Shelter, a shelter for homeless and near-homeless families in St. Lucie County. There is no other shelter in our service area that caters to families and their complex needs. This shelter will provide stable housing and resources to encourage a self-sufficient future, and will house families for up to 18 months. Once construction is complete, resident families will receive healthy food, clothing, case management, job support, and access to community resources, all aimed at lifting clients from crisis to self-sufficiency.

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	42,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,958,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	69%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,349,582	31%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,349,582	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? 07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 12/31/2026

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

We have \$106,000+ set aside for first year shelter operations, as well as a healthy donor campaign, where we have received a \$1mil matching grant. In addition to donor cultivation, we will also pursue a comprehensive grant search strategy to fund future operating/programming costs.

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.

GraceWay Village, a 501(c)(3), owns the land the facility will be built on, and will own the shelter when construction is complete. Our CEO will disburse funds to local businesses to complete the engineering/construction phase of the shelter, including R.K. Davis Construction, n2 Architecture + Design and Engineering, and Design & Construction. These businesses are not owners.

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	Funds will be used to purchase equipment for the Family Restorative Shelter including furniture and electronic equipment for resident usage, like kitchen and laundry devices.	42,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	GraceWay Village owns the land the shelter will be built on, so the requested funds will cover the planning, engineering, and construction of the Family Restorative Shelter.	2,958,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funding will support the construction of the Family Restorative Shelter, which will provide housing and resources to homeless families in St. Lucie County, lifting them from poverty to self-sufficiency. Additionally, funds will be used to purchase equipment for the shelter, including kitchen and laundry items that families will need during residency.

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

GraceWay Village owns the parcel of land the shelter will be built on. We have also worked with local construction and engineering companies to begin the planning and design process for the shelter. Once notification of funding has been received, we will complete the engineering and planning stage and begin construction as soon as possible. This will ensure this project is ready to accept families upon completion which is anticipated to be December 2026.

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

Direct services as a result of the funding request is temporary housing, up to 18 months, to be provided upon completion of the construction phase. Services provided to residents upon completion of construction include access to high-quality meals, clothing, safe housing, life skills classes, and access to local resources that help build self-efficiency and independence.

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

The Family Restorative Shelter's targeted population is homeless families in St. Lucie County Florida. This includes adults and their children, ranging in age from 0-18. The FL Department of Education has found that there are 2,722 homeless children registered in St. Lucie County schools. Additionally, in 2024 75.58%% of our Cafe clients resided in Fort Pierce, Florida Census tracts labeled as "areas of persistent poverty" according to the U.S. Census. These statistics underscore the need for a family shelter in our service area.

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

The benefit of our shelter is that it prevents family homelessness in the short and long-term. Short-term, by providing housing and resources for up to 18 months. Long-term by monitoring families for up to two years following their stay, providing resources when needed. We will measure these outcomes in several ways: Intake, follow up, and post stay surveys given by case managers; follow-up consultations given for up to two years post stay; financial and employment monitoring/counseling, to bolster family financial health and sustainability.

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?

If deliverables are not met, the agency should implement penalties that include: 1) Written notice of deficiency, 2) -5% reduction of funding for deliverables that are not completed within 90 days of the original due date, and 3) Inability to apply for future state funding if all deliverables are not met within 180 days of the original due date.

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.