



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2569

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will be used to establish two facilities in Palatka—one for 60 women and children, another for 40 men. These facilities will provide shelter and essential support services such as, mental health and substance abuse counseling, housing identification and placement. With homelessness on the rise, this initiative aims to offer stability, resources, and a path to self-sufficiency for those in need.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	5,000,000

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)	5,000,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	100,000	2%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	3%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,250,000	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)?

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	This position will be responsible for the overall management of the project and daily execution of staff responsibilities. Salary is \$75,000 and benefits including taxes, insurance, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and retirement will approximate \$25,000.	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrator will be responsible for record keeping and reporting of the expenses, activities, occupants, and employee records. Salary is \$35,000 ad \$8,750 for including taxes, insurance, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and retirements.	42,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, furniture, office supplies, utilities, telephone, maintenance and repair, dues and subscriptions, travel, training, rent.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Background screening, Legal and accounting, marketing, internet and information technology, website maintenance, and studies of the population. This will include travel , meals, and lodging, where necessary.	55,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Other positions will include (2) community outreach, (2) counselors, (1) day attendants for children, (2) janitors, (1) student intern, and (2) night attendants for evening activities and response to needs of occupants. Salaries will be \$325,000 and \$80,000 for including taxes, insurance, workers compensation, unemployment compensation, and retirement.	405,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, furniture, office supplies, utilities, telephone, maintenance and repair, dues and subscriptions, travel, training, vehicles, rental, gas and auto maintenance, taxes, insurance, educational supplies, and other items as needed	615,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Security, teachers and tutors, recreation and trainers for at risk survival, program managers - will include travel , meals, and lodging, where necessary.	242,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Purchase land, construction (heavy equipment, materials and labor; General Conditions; Professional Fees and Services: These costs relate to professional consulting, including permitting, surveying, testing, architectural and design, planning, engineering, accounting,; Materials, Laor, Insurance, tools) - build two buildings for overnight shelter (60 and 40 persons); 10 apt unit permanent housing.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		5,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be allocated to create two facilities in Palatka—one accommodating 60 women and children, and the other for 40 men. Also one 10-unit apartment building for permanent residence. These centers will offer shelter along with crucial support services, including mental health and substance abuse counseling, as well as housing identification and placement. Given the increasing rates of homelessness, this initiative seeks to provide stability, essential resources, and a clear pathway toward self-sufficiency for those in need.

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

The facilities provides shelter, food, and basic necessities for homeless persons. Wraparound services include, mental health and substance abuse counseling, housing identification and placement support, SOAR linkage, and outreach services. Additional services will cover healthcare access, life skills training, educational programs, transportation assistance, and case management.

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

Using agencies who have established homeless services programs, the City will partner with them to leverage existing programs with increased funding. Rapid re-housing services, for instance, would include housing identification, rent and move-in assistance, and rapid re-housing case management and services.

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

The target population is elderly persons, persons with poor mental and physical health, veterans, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk homeless youth, physically disabled and formerly incarcerated persons. We expect to serve between 200 to 300 individuals, which will include the students in grades K to 12th.

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

The project aims to reduce homelessness by offering shelter and supportive services, including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, and housing assistance. Through intensive case management, it promotes self-sufficiency. Success will be measured using the Homeless Management Information System with metrics such as initiative participation, and average stay.

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?

Our intent would be to complete the project with meeting the deliverables and performance measures. If there is a performance deficiency requiring correction by the City, the Agency will notify the City. The City will provide the Agency with a corrective action plan describing how the City will address performance.

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)



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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:

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)



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- 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

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.