



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2643

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Still Waters is committed to supporting homeless families by providing free transitional housing in a safe and secure environment at the CHROME Retreat, a 30-acre property in Marianna, Florida. Homeless families often face ongoing abuse and victimization, and this initiative aims to provide stability, safety, and access to essential resources for recovery. The project involves constructing eight two-bedroom cottages to serve as transitional housing. Funding will cover architectural and engineering services for mechanical, plumbing, and electrical systems, as well as the design, transport, and construction of the cottages' foundations. Additional resources will support utility connections, including city water, electrical power lines, and gas services, along with paving a road for accessibility. Necessary permits and inspections will also be secured to ensure regulatory compliance. This initiative will provide a safe and stable living environment, helping families rebuild their lives.

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	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	371,000
Total State Funds Requested	421,000

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)	421,000	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	430,000	51%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	851,000	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.**



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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?

02/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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

Internal contributions

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.

Mission Properties Foundation, Inc. owns the property and buildings, while Still Waters Ministries, Inc. covers all operational expenses for services provided to homeless families, including the renovation of eight buildings for transitional housing, property infrastructure, road paving, engineering, planning, staff salaries, utilities, and general program costs. Separate 501(c)(3) organizations.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Annual salary for Executive Director responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Women & Children's programs and services will depend on several factors, including the organization's budget, geographic location, and industry standards. This position involves directing all phases of the program, including family selection, ensuring the maintenance of eight apartments, and overseeing critical services such as counseling, Bible studies, meals, school enrollment (with uniforms and supplies)	50,000
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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Construction includes mechanical, plumbing, and electrical engineering plans; design plans for 8 cottages; inspections and permits. Transporting and shoring the 8 cottages onto the property, constructing foundations, interior renovation work; and asphalt paving.	371,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		421,000

13. Program Performance

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

A program of CHROME Ministry. Focused on breaking the cycle of abuse.

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

We are coordinating efforts to transport, renovate, and furnish eight cottages on the CHROME Retreat property. This initiative involves engaging Donofro Architects and Watford Engineering to provide comprehensive professional design services, including Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Engineering. Additionally, we are partnering with Baxter's Asphalt Inc. in Marianna to discuss paving services for a road on the property. Coordination with the city will also be necessary to establish water and gas utilities, while Florida Public Utilities will be engaged to connect power lines to the cottages.

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

Through transitional housing, counseling, mentorship, and essential life skills training.

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

This includes struggling homeless families, women and children.

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

Our addiction recovery program empowers mothers to heal from past trauma, overcome addiction, and improve their physical and emotional well-being through a holistic approach that integrates mind, body, and soul.

We provide safe, free transitional housing and essential services, including USDA-approved meals, counseling, Bible studies, and vocational training. Mothers and children receive comprehensive support, including school enrollment with necessary supplies and internet access, fostering stability and growth.

Our janitorial vocational training equips participants with practical skills, enhancing job opportunities and financial independence. At-risk youth also benefit from counseling, tutoring, and conflict resolution training to build healthy, non-violent relationships.

Led by staff who have triumphed over similar challenges, the program emphasizes mutual support and role modeling, creating an environment of hope and resilience.

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?

In the event that the construction of the 8 transitional houses for women and children is not completed or the promised deliverables are not met, we will return 100%.

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.