



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2922

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Big Bend Homeless Coalition, the region's largest non-VA provider of veterans' services, seeks funding to renovate 18 housing units to create accessible, affordable apartments for formerly homeless veterans with disabilities. The renovation will include ADA-modifications along with critical upgrades to windows, plumbing, bathrooms, flooring, plus mold remediation. Funds will also provide temporary relocation assistance during construction. Plan for HOPE navigators to be matched to clients.

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	419,073
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,196,948
Total State Funds Requested	1,616,021

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)	1,616,021	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,616,021	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

09/30/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/29/2026

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

Rehabilitation of the units to serve formerly homeless veterans will allow agency to access VA vouchers for rent. Funds from the rent will be used for operations and maintenance.

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.

Big Bend Homeless Coalition, the region's largest non-VA provider of veterans' services, is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1987, which owns and operates the apartment units.

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	Administrative costs limited to 5% of budget to cover finance staff time and effort inclusive of audit costs.	76,953
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Contract with hotels for hotel rooms for displaced persons during construction \$259,000 (18 individuals or rooms per night for 120 days @ \$120.00 per night inclusive); labor, transportation and storage of furniture \$33,120	292,120
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contact for case manager at motel site (6 months) and management oversight of construction.	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of 18 housing units with critical accessibility modifications for veterans with disabilities, including: replacing windows, upgrading plumbing and bathrooms, remediating mold, installing new flooring, and adding ADA-compliant features.	1,196,948
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,616,021

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 renovation will include ADA-modifications along with critical upgrades to windows, plumbing, bathrooms, flooring, plus mold remediation. Funds will also provide temporary relocation assistance during construction.

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

The project will provide ADA-modified, accessible housing units for formerly homeless veterans with disabilities, including temporary relocation assistance during renovation. HOPE navigators will be matched to clients to support their transition and housing needs.

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

The target population is formerly homeless veterans with disabilities of which there is a backlog for placement in the Big Bend region. The project will serve 18 veterans annually by renovating housing units to create accessible, affordable apartments.

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 provide stable, accessible housing for disabled veterans, reducing homelessness and improving quality of life. Outcomes will be measured by tracking the number of veterans successfully housed, maintaining occupancy rates, and assessing client satisfaction through follow-up surveys and HOPE navigator reports.

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?

Delay or loss of funding tied to deliverable objectives and timelines

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
- 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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