



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3111

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Capital funding to build a new shelter for youth in crisis such as homelessness, step down from a Baker Act, runaway, lock out from family home, truancy and diversion from dependency court. Children at the shelter will have a stable place during the day and night and can be accommodated even with prior criminal history, substance abuse, mental health or other issues impacting their home life. Counseling, development of life skills, additional wrap around services, assessments and transportation to their home school is provided to the youth for better outcomes and stability which allows a transition to a more successful adulthood. SCC has been able to secure a location for the facility that is easily accessible by public transportation, walking, or bicycling.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	6%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,750,000	22%
Local	0	0%
Other	5,750,000	72%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,000,000	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		
2024-25	0	1,000,000	1232A	No

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?

3/01/25

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/1/2026

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

Department of Juvenile Justice contracts with The Florida Network who provides funding for ongoing operations of the Safe Children Coalition shelter. Sarasota County and private foundations also supplement funding for operations. The shelter is the only one serving Desoto County as well.

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.

Safe Children Coalition, Inc., a Florida Not For Profit Corporation, will own and operate the facility as a youth shelter to provide services as outlined in F.S. 984 and as described in the Program Description above, Question No. 4.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of licensed facility to provide services for at risk youth in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. The location has been secured which is easily accessible to public transportation, walking or bicycling.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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To provide a safe facility for housing and basic necessities, consistent with Fla. Stat. Ch. 984 for youth in crisis, such as lock out from family home, homelessness, runaway, truant, ungovernable, human trafficking, step downs from Baker Acts, respite, and diversion from Dependency Court.

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

Children at the shelter will have a stable place during the day and night and can be accommodated even with prior criminal history, substance abuse, mental health or other issues impacting their home life. Counseling, family counseling, additional wrap around services and transportation to their home school is provided to the youth for better outcomes and stability leading to a more successful adulthood.

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

Counseling, family counseling, wrap around services, crisis intervention, life skills development, referrals to after-care programs, service linkages, comprehensive assessment, and transportation to their home school is provided to the youth.

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

At risk youth ages 10-17 in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

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

Children will be more stable, have better access to consistent transportation and access to education, diversion from Dependency Court, and wrap around services; all of which lead to better outcomes for the youth thus providing a path for becoming a more successful adult. The location has been secured which is easily accessible to public transportation, walking or bicycling.

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?

The Contract can be terminated for failure to meet deliverables, in whole or in part, for default, by employing the default provisions of applicable Fla. statutes and administrative regulations upon written notice to the Requester.

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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