



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3124

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Kissimmee is requesting funding for a Community Engagement Unit, designed to assist individuals encountered in difficult, high-risk situations. This unit would employ the services of a homeless services coordinator, law enforcement, on-site mental health provider, and on-going coordination and engagement with local agencies. The services coordination would be based at the Haven on Vine, a recently acquired hotel conversion project (specific appropriation 2341A in FY 2023-24 helped with funding), and deployed to community contact locations, as needed, to ensure a comprehensive approach to homelessness, with the goal of diverting individuals from the criminal justice system to stable housing.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	2%
Matching Funds		
Federal	14,500,000	95%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	500,000	3%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	15,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24		500,000	2341A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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)?

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		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	Contracted Services for Mental Health Provider and Homeless Services Coordinator	200,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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

The City is requesting funding for a Community Engagement Unit pilot program, designed to assist individuals encountered in difficult, high-risk situations. This unit would employ the services of a homeless services coordinator, law enforcement, on site mental health provider and on-going coordination and engagement with local agencies. The services coordination would be based at the Haven on Vine and deployed to community contact locations as needed to ensure a comprehensive approach to homelessness, with the goal of diverting individuals from the criminal justice system to stable housing.



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

Services will support households and individuals engaged in homeless activities with the potential to engage law enforcement. The unit will be deployed and/or coordinate with local service providers to assist in providing support and integrate timely services.

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

Services coordination would be based at the Haven on Vine and deployed to community contact locations, as needed, to ensure a rapid approach to addressing households engaged in public camping and unstable housing situations, with the goal of diverting individuals from the criminal justice system to stable housing.

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

The target population is homeless and unstable households. The pilot is expecting to serve 500 households over the course of the two-year pilot program.

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

Increased Access to Supportive Services:

Measure:
Track the number of individuals connected to other community resources, such as mental health services, substance abuse treatment, case management, or job management, following engagement with the unit.
Target measure: 80% of individuals connected to at least one other community resource within 90 days.

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?

Standard penalties consistent with the state guidelines are proposed.

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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