



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3321

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Center of Hope Infrastructure Request aims to address the complex infrastructure challenges of creating a new service campus in the middle of aged civil infrastructure systems.  
 On-Site Improvements: Building renovations, additional housing, paving and drainage, potable water, and wastewater infrastructure improvements.  
 Off-site Improvements: Earthwork, paving and drainage, converting overhead electric to underground lines, erosion control, and other essential infrastructure improvements. The Center of Hope Infrastructure Expansion will address critical housing and service needs in Fort Myers by constructing additional housing units, upgrading utilities, improving neighborhood safety, and modernizing infrastructure. The initiative will serve vulnerable populations, including the homeless and families in crisis, ensuring a safer and more resilient community

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>

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)	4,500,000	13%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	7,500,000	21%
Local	23,000,000	66%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>35,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	0	7,500,000	365A	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

Capital Campaign and ongoing operations endowment funding

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.

The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	On-Site Improvements: Building renovations, additional housing, paving and drainage, potable water, and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Off-site Improvements: Earthwork, paving and drainage, converting overhead electric to underground lines, erosion control, and other essential infrastructure improvements.	4,500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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Funds requested will be used for infrastructure improvements in and around The Salvation Army Center of Hope property including On-Site Improvements: Building renovations, additional housing, paving and drainage, potable water, and wastewater infrastructure improvements. Off-site Improvements: Earthwork, paving and drainage, converting overhead electric to underground lines, erosion control, and other essential infrastructure improvements. These improvements are necessary to begin construction of a new four-facility Center of Hope campus that includes an expanded 284-bed, storm-rated emergency transitional shelter for families and individuals; upgraded Outreach Services Center with an expanded social service program including a training kitchen to train workers for the hospitality industry, and a 4,700 sq. ft. choice food pantry; an expanded Corrections Program.

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

Emergency transitional shelter for homeless individuals and families; addiction recovery counseling in a sober living environment for court-ordered individuals; client- choice food pantry; case management for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families; community meeting, worship, and recreation activities; hospitality industry workforce development; emergency disaster services; seasonal assistance for children and senior adults; and prepared meals for the hungry.

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

284-bed emergency transitional housing for homeless families and individuals (an increase from the current 7 family rooms, 48 beds for single men, 24 beds for single women, 32 beds for court-ordered addiction recovery), choice food pantry, case management for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families, community and team-building activities, physical exercise opportunities, workforce development, season assistance for children and senior adults, Prepared meals for the hungry.

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

Programs and services will target low-to-moderate-income residents and homeless individuals in Lee, Hendry, and Glades counties; a total population of 840,523 (US Census Bureau, 7 /2021 estimate). An average of 17. 7% of residents live below the poverty level and an average of 35% of Lee County households earn below the Federal Poverty Level and are not eligible for government assistance (United Way ALICE Project 2020). In January 2022, 327 unsheltered homeless individuals were identified (Lee County Homeless Coalition 2022 PIT Count). TSA expects to serve approximately 90,000 men, women and children annually.

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

The new Center of Hope will increase the capacity for workforce development, reduction of social services, create sustainability for homeless and near-homeless families and individuals. At least a double increase in case management, 100% increase emergency transitional shelter capacity, placement in permanent housing, Ability to provide more food to individuals and families through the food pantry program and be a resource during any natural disaster. Measurement will be done through intake forms, program interaction and program success.

**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?**

As this request is part of a larger budget for the Fort Myers Center of Hope then standards of measure must be established with an agreed upon timeline between the Salvation Army and the Construction Management team for completion of the project as defined by a mutually agreed contract. Penalties for failure to meet the timeline requirements should be met with additional fines and sanctions as outlined by the contract to insure timely completion of the project.

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):**



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**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.*