



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2623

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Convert and expand a currently unused building into a 6,000 square foot transitional housing facility. The building will have two kitchens, a communal living area, dining area, two large family dorms, and six bedrooms with shared bathrooms. The building will be designed to meet mental health concerns women and children experience after abuse, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. All aspects of the design will provide for the needs of neurodivergent children and a sensory room will be available for those with Autism and ADHD. There will be a designated group counseling room for adults and a play therapy room for those under the age of 18. We will construct a new playground for outdoor recreation. This project will serve residents in Leon, Jefferson, Taylor, Madison, Gadsden, Wakulla, Liberty, and Franklin Counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	95%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	3%
Other	30,000	2%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,580,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

Community contributions.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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: Other		
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	Land clearing and soil boring: \$6,000. Renovation of 3,000 interior space: \$544,000. New construction of 3,000 sq ft building: \$950,000.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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To increase the availability of emergency transitional housing for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who are fleeing abuse. By converting an existing building on Refuge House property, 40 additional beds will be available for women and children who have experienced violence and who are at high risk of homicide by their abuser. Decrease the risk of future victimization and prevent homelessness for women and children. Specialized care for victims experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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

Renovation and expansion of a residential building that will add 40 new beds for victims of domestic and sexual violence. Building design will be trauma informed and will meet the needs of neurodivergent children with sensory friendly accommodations throughout. The building will offer counseling rooms, living areas, and shared bathrooms. There will be a new play ground for outdoor recreation.

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

Safe shelter for 3-6 months. Wraparound support services for families who have experienced violence. Special focus on the needs of children who have witnessed and experienced abuse and to provide extensive resources for the parent to improve the well-being of the family. Therapy, counseling, case management, job readiness, vocational assistance, parenting support. Onsite tutoring for children.

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

The target population is women and children who are at risk of harm and homicide while fleeing from domestic violence. We anticipate that 160 people will receive safe housing and supportive services annually.

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

Outcome is to provide safe transitional housing with expanded intake availability. Outcomes will be measured by completion of renovating an existing building to include dorm style sleeping areas for large families and women without children, an additional kitchen and eating area, and expanded living area, and the addition of six new bedrooms with shared bathrooms. The building will be designed with the needs of adults and children who are experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and will be sensory friendly for special needs and neurodivergent children.

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 the contract?

Delay or loss of funding tied to deliverable objectives and timelines.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number