



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1519

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Youth and Family Alternatives (YFA) Speer II project will expand the inventory of affordable and accessible housing in Pasco County, specifically for underserved populations. Like Speer I which was constructed in 2019 with 6 supportive housing units serving 8 developmentally disabled adults, requested funds will be used to build Speer II on the same property, offering 50 additional units serving over 110 low- to very low-income individuals, families, youth aging out of foster care, families to be reunified, and our child welfare workforce. Rent will meet HUD Fair Market rent standards.

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	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	59%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,385,000	40%
Other	49,205	1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	3,434,205	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.

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.

Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc.(YFA), a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) is the sole owner of the property and facility.

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	Funds will be used to begin construction of Speer II, including planning and engineering. Speer II will be comprised of affordable housing units located on YFA's property named "The Commons" in New Port Richey. The total cost of construction is \$9,250,000.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. 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?

Funds will be used to build Speer II Affordable and Supportive Housing.

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

Speer II will offer affordable, safe, and accessible housing for individuals and families that cannot afford current rent and housing costs and are at risk of homelessness. The targeted populations to be served include low/very low income individuals and families, former foster youth, families to be reunified, and our child welfare workforce.

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

Speer II will potentially house any of the following: Elderly, Persons with Poor Mental and/or Physical Health. Jobless Persons, Economically Disadvantaged Persons, At-Risk Youth, Homeless, Developmentally or Physically Disabled Persons, Pre and Grade School Students, University/College Students, Victims of Crime, Former Foster Youth that have Aged Out of Foster Care and are High Risk for Homelessness, and Reunified Families that were Separated by Foster Care due to lack of housing. Speer II will serve 110 - 200 individuals.

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

Affordable housing will provide safe shelter and stability for individuals and families. This will be measured by the number of families/individuals served and the % of occupied units.

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?

The agency's standard contract penalties will be adequate.

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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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