



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2143

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds requested will support the purchase of two apartment buildings to provide veterans in Broward County with stable housing. Included in the project model will be in-kind case management services provided by United Way of Broward County's Mission United program with the goal of assisting veterans in accessing needed community resources and benefits, supportive services, employment opportunities, and education supports in order to ensure a viable path to self-sufficiency. Funds are intended to serve veterans who are considered a member of the ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) population and who do not qualify for traditional, affordable housing programs or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' housing programs in Broward.

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	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,000,000	25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	2,000,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	4,000,000	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.
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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

A Paycheck Protection Program loan in the amount of \$861,874 was received and was used for payroll expenses.

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.

The purchased apartment buildings will be owned by the United Way of Broward County.

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 requested will support the purchase of two apartment buildings.	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The Veterans United for Housing project, coordinated by United Way of Broward County's Mission United program, seeks to increase stable housing options for veterans in Broward County. Funds requested will support the purchase of two apartment buildings, and in-kind case management program activities will be provided by UWBC. The target group to be served are veterans in the ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed) population who do not qualify for traditional housing programs.

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

Funds requested will support the purchase of two apartment buildings. Included in the project model will be in-kind case management services to assist veterans in accessing needed community resources and benefits, supportive services, employment opportunities, and education supports in order to ensure a viable path to self-sufficiency.

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

Safe and secure housing will be provided to veterans using a Rapid Rehousing First model focused on individuals who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. In-kind case management program activities will include thorough documentation of intake, assessment, individualized service plan and progress notes on an ongoing basis.

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

Veterans who are members of the ALICE population and do not qualify for VA or other housing programs. It is expected that between 400 and 800 individuals will be served.

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

The Veterans United for Housing project will help set veterans in Broward County on a path toward long-term financial stability by providing them with stable housing, which is a critical component of economic self-sufficiency. These efforts will be augmented by holistic case management services designed to help veterans access higher education and ultimately attain higher-paying jobs; the average salary for a single veteran in Broward is \$38,000-\$40,000 annually, which is below the ALICE threshold. Beyond the obvious benefit to veterans, this will positively influence Broward's labor shortage and economic development. Outcomes will be measured via case management documentation and data, as well as local employment statistics.

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?

Reduce funding based on percentage of deliverables unmet

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