



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3089

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

4. Project/Program Description

Project Gadsden Wellness - Our Future's target population will be senior citizens, individuals that are considered homeless, and individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities. Gadsden County's population is comprised of 18 to 20 percent of senior citizens, the homeless population in Gadsden County is approximately 6 to 8 percent, and 5 to 7 percent of the population are individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities. One of the biggest challenges that the senior citizens encounter is inadequate housing. The citizens within the targeted populations struggle with having adequate housing because of a lack of clear titles and/or deeds, insufficient funding for repairs and renovations, and the inability to submit completed applications and other required documents (home insurance, clear deeds, land survey, etc.). The program aims to combat these problems by providing qualified citizens with assistance and stipends to overcome these obstacles.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	455,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	325,000
Total State Funds Requested	780,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	780,000	86%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	131,250	14%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	911,250	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Project Gadsden Wellness will request the current amount (\$525,000) for the year 2024. Starting 2023, the recipients of the Gadsden Wellness rehab program will begin repayment.



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

Yes

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

The total amount received from 2020 to 2021 was \$142,000.00 (PPP Loan).

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

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

6/1/2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

5/31/2024

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.

Sherrie Taylor Owner/Executive Director

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Planning, budgeting, and implementation of the project	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Data entry clerk	23,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1) Food (\$300,000) 2) Equipment (kitchen equipment, tabletop oven, commercial ice maker, tabletop broilers, and chafing sides) (\$10,000) 3) Supplies (office supplies, cooking utensils, cooking spices) (\$2,000) 4) Travel (four passenger van, insurance, gas, routine maintenance) (\$21,000)	333,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	1. Consultants - Chef/kitchen workers \$74,000	74,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	1) Contractors/builders (\$150,000) 2) Building materials and supplies (\$175,000)	325,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		780,000

14. Program Performance



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

Houses will be restored according to code which will ensure that qualified citizens will have adequate housing conditions. These changes will benefit Gadsden County by raising the property value of these homes after renovations. Nutritious meals will be provided to members of the community to combat health conditions from poor nutrition. In addition to the meals, the program will provide the citizens with resources to attain proper healthcare.

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

The following services will be provided:

1. Rehab services
2. Nutritious meals
3. Transportation
4. Computer skills
5. Life Coping skills
6. Job readiness skills

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

The following services will be provided:

1. Rehab services
2. Nutritious meals
3. Transportation
4. Computer skills
5. Life Coping skills
6. Job readiness skills
7. Health awareness skills

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

The targeted population will be senior citizens (55 and up), individuals that struggle with homelessness, and individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities. Gadsden Wellness intends to serve up to 150 individuals.

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

Expected Benefit/Outcome:

Health: decrease Diabetes and other health issues due to malnutrition; provide citizens with quality healthcare options to maintain their physical and mental health

Food: provide homeless individuals with a quality meal

Housing: reduce housing issues due to substandard conditions; help individuals increase their property value

Job readiness: equipping citizens with the tools to be contributing members of the Gadsden County workforce

Methodology:

Health: periodically assess health conditions of each client; count the number of individuals that have been signed up for healthcare and ensuring they are attending appointments

Food: the number of returning and new individuals that are being fed daily

Housing: the number of citizens that can qualify for state and federal programs; the number of individuals that receive assistance to have home renovations; the number of citizens that are helped with retrieving the appropriate housing documentation

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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 suggested penalties would 100 percent reimbursement of the approved funds. Please allow up to two years for total repayment.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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- 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
- 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**