



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1895

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

With an affiliate network of 129 nationally and 6 in Florida, Rebuilding Together is a leader in home repair and renovation for economically disadvantaged families, seniors, differently abled persons, and veterans. In Orlando, Rebuilding Together has more than 300 applicants awaiting critical home repairs that cause more damage to their homes the longer they must wait for help. Since 2002, Rebuilding Together Orlando has helped over 600 homeowners with repairs. Many of these homeowners live in conditions that complicate or cause health conditions or pose safety threats. Assisting low income households with repairs is a critical key to the affordable housing conversation. Preserving the existing affordable housing stock improves the health and safety outcomes of neighbors, helps homeowners age in place gracefully, returns dignity to homeowners struggling to maintain their homes, and reduces the burden on the already over-flooded affordable rental and homeownership markets.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="55.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="168,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="18"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="250,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="27"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	918,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	\$10,000 will be allocated to support the salary of the Program Manager. The Program Manager is the point of contact for the homeowner with Rebuilding Together Orlando. The Program Manager recruits homeowners and assesses applicant eligibility, performs the home inspection and walks with the homeowner through the entire repair process, including compliance with the educational component and cooperation with the organization during repair. This request will not support the salary or benefits.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$500 will be allocated to mileage and gas expenses for the Program Manager's home visits \$1,500 will fund 4 educational workshops \$3,000 will fund 30 homeowner kits	370,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	\$120,000 will pay for contracted labor services for licensed and insured General Contractors for a minimum of 30 homes	120,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The funds will repair and modify a minimum of 30 households in Orange County at a maximum benefit of \$15,000 per household. This figure includes the cost of construction materials and contractor's labor for critical home repairs. On average, the cost is approximately \$11,000 worth of construction materials and \$4,000 in contract labor per household, but this figure varies widely. Every household will receive a "homeowner kit", valued at \$100, that contains home maintenance essentials such as a weather radio, cleaning supplies, first aid kits, and other essentials that are often out of reach for homeowners struggling to maintain their homes. Rebuilding Together believes that investment in our communities means more than serving a number of households in need of repair. A minimum of 3 licensed and insured contractors will be recruited who live in the neighborhoods that request assistance for repairs from most frequently, including Pine Hills, South Apopka, Winter Garden, and Eatonville.

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

Repairs vary widely by home. The most requested items include roof and window replacements, second to accessibility modifications. Common accessibility requests include door widening, flooring replacement, walk-in showers, grab bar installations, and ADA compliant commodes. To ensure preservation and long term success for the newly repaired home, every household will participate in an educational workshop that teaches homeowners how to maintain the home for years to come. The workshops are hosted quarterly and are taught by a construction expert. Households will have an opportunity to interact directly with repair professionals and learn how to handle basic repair and renovation on their own, and learn when to call for help. The workshop will also train homeowners on how to hire a contractor, which will prevent scam contractors from preying on low-income homeowners.

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

Critical home repair and education on home maintenance and renovation. Rebuilding Together Orlando repairs are tailored to the individual needs of a homeowner. Only owner-occupied homes are eligible for assistance. An experienced Program Manager assesses an applicant's home inside and out, and provides a report of recommended repairs. While the organization usually cannot repair every needed item due to funding constraints, the Program Manager and the homeowner discuss the options so that the homeowner can make an informed decision about repair assistance. To address any unmet needs, the homeowner receives a referral list to other resources. Licensed and insured contractors perform skilled labor, while volunteers are utilized for beautification and minor repair work under the guidance of a construction leader. By partnering with a volunteer force of 700 annually, Rebuilding Together Orlando maintains lower staffing costs while fostering a sense of community.

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

This project will serve households who earn 50% or less of Area Median Income for their household size. A minimum of 30 households and estimated minimum of 60 or more individuals will benefit from home repair and education services. Rebuilding Together Orlando serves owner-occupied households for low income families, seniors, differently abled persons, and veterans.

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

Every home is unique. Expected outcomes will vary by household and selected repairs, therefore not all of the outcomes listed below will apply to every household. Individual metrics are determined at the point of homeowner repair selection and are measured before the repair takes place, immediately after, and one year later. The outcomes are evaluated through a physical assessment of the property before and after the project occurs, as well as through a homeowner survey that follows long term impact.

Roof and/or Window Replacement: Reduced energy costs; elimination or reduction of health hazards; elimination or reduction of health related issues as a direct result of the repair (For example, an asthmatic child may reduce their dependence on an inhaler after a leaky roof that caused mold is replaced). Accessibility Modifications: Reduced trips or falls; reduced visits to the Emergency Room or doctor's office.

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?

Should Rebuilding Together Orlando fail to deliver the performance outcomes agreed upon in the contract, the organization should be barred from future requests.



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12. **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.**

n/a

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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