



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2852

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding would be used for a statewide study on zoning regulations for community residences for people with disabilities and recovery communities for people in recovery from substance use disorders. The study will enable the Legislature to enact a standard zoning template for local governments to follow for community residences and recovery communities. A statewide study, supporting subsequent legislation, would encourage and provide a uniform approach for all local governments, saving time and resources.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	110,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	110,000

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)	110,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	110,000	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.

Local funding sources may be available in some local jurisdictions for a similar study without a statewide focus

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.

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million. Funding was spent entirely for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel. Palm Beach also received approximately \$290 million in American Rescue Plan funding for pandemic-related services and infrastructure projects.

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)?

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	Funding will be used to conduct a statewide study through the University of Florida's Institute of Government on zoning regulations for community residences for people with disabilities and recovery communities for people in recovery from substance use disorder. This study provides a template for other local governments to follow so they may pass zoning ordinances for community residences without violating ADA or FHA requirements.	110,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		110,000

14. Program Performance



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

Funding for a statewide study on zoning regulations for community residences for people with disabilities and recovery communities for people in recovery from substance use disorder. Such a study will enable the legislature to enact a standard zoning template for local governments to follow for community residences and recovery communities. A statewide study, supporting subsequent legislation, would encourage and provide a uniform approach for all local governments, saving time and resources.

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

A study will be conducted by the University of Florida's Institute for Government which will study zoning regulations for community residences. Such a study would allow local governments to adopt zoning ordinances related to community residences that do not violate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

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

The purpose of community residences is to enable disabled individuals, including those with substance use disorder, to become integrated, contributing members of society. The ultimate goal is to create a more standard approach to zoning, that recognizes the benefit of these homes, while at the same time creating a uniform process that protects individuals and communities.

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

Disabled individuals in community residences, including those with substance use disorder. The statewide study would help inform all local governments across the State of Florida to protect both individuals in community residences and the communities themselves.

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

The study is necessary to begin the process of creating a system whereby local governments can utilize the study to craft local zoning ordinances to protect disabled residents living in these community residences from exploitation, while protecting communities from human warehouses or flop houses masquerading as community residences for those with disabilities. The ultimate goal is to create a more standard approach to zoning that recognizes the benefit of these homes, while at the same time creating a uniform process that protects individuals and communities. By conducting a statewide study of the needs, conditions and appropriate spacing of these residences, local communities can achieve a system that encourages recovery and assimilation into the community without violating federal law. The outcome can be measured by the number of local zoning ordinances adopted by local governments related to community residences that draw upon the info/recommendations from the statewide study.

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?

Return of unused funds to the State.

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



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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