



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Bridge Housing for Homeless Families

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Victor Torres

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/13/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project will provide 48 units to house homeless families awaiting permanent housing. During the 2016-17 school year, over 3,295 school aged children were homeless. Of these students, 888 lived in motels, 96 lived in cars, parks, campgrounds, and 67 lived in shelters. The remaining children shared the housing of other persons also known as "couch surfing". This number does not include their parents or siblings under the age of 5. Nor does this number include the unprecedented numbers of families arriving from Puerto Rico daily. In October, over 1,000 children registered in Osceola County Schools, many without a permanent housing solution. There is currently a 6-8 month waiting lists for private subsidized/ low-income (30% -50% of median income) housing units and a three (3) year waiting list for Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8).

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Economic Opportunity

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	5,700,000	5,700,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	250,000	4.1%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	50,000	0.8%
Local	25,000	0.4%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	325,000	5.3 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 6,025,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

### 11. Program Performance:

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

House homeless families approved through coordinated entry and awaiting permanent housing. Families will receive case management and wrap around services.

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

Funds will be used to construct 48 apartment style housing units that will provide a safe place for homeless families to reside while waiting for permanent housing to become available.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	This request is for construction of HOME Phase 2 providing for the build-out of the remaining 48 units on the campus. The breakdown is as follows: 3 Bedroom Units-28; 2 Bedroom Units-12; 1 Bedroom Units-8. The design, site plan, and engineered drawings are complete. Construction could begin quickly since the project is shovel ready and the Phase I plans only require minor modifications to move on to permitting.	5,700,000
TOTAL		5,700,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

48 apartment style housing units.

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

The target population is families experiencing homelessness living in motels. Families will be identified through the Continuum of Care and the Coordinated Entry System. The project is expected to serve upwards of 150 families annually based on an average of 120-180 day stays. Exits to permanent housing will increase the turn over rate and projected numbers thereby reducing the residency period to 60 days.

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

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150 families annually based on an average of 120-180 day stays. Exits to permanent housing will increase the turn over rate and projected numbers, thereby reducing the residency period to 60 days. The benefit is reduced burden on public services. The cost to allow a chronically homeless individual to remain on the street and access emergency services is \$33,000 annually. The cost to house that same individual and provide wraparound services is \$10,000. The savings to the system of care is similar with homeless families. The project outcome is to improve quality through housing stability and case management. Families placed in this housing solution will be part of the continuum of care and case managed.

**g. 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?**

This will be a very visible project in Central Florida. With the recent movie "The Florida Project", all eyes are on Central Florida and Osceola County to address the needs of families experiencing homelessness and living in motels. As a result this project will be accountable to jurisdictional partners and the countless families suffering in silence.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

The land is owned by Aspire Health Partners. The City was a founding member of the HOME program acquired by Aspire Health Partners in 2012. They agreed to allow completion of this project and will structure a deal necessary to increase housing units needed to address homeless gap in Osceola County.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** City of Kissimmee
- b. **County:** Osceola
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☒ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Desiree Matthews
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**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**



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