



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1521

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Supportive Housing Coalition's Community Dialogue Technical Assistance Program is a unique program designed specifically to provide face-to-face assistance to community leaders interested in developing affordable/supportive housing for persons with disabling conditions, special needs, and those experiencing homelessness as defined by ch. 420, F.S. This targeted program brings successful Florida affordable housing developers, supportive housing operators, funders, and service providers together with county and city government officials, law enforcement, faith based-communities, foundations, continuums of care, and other local stakeholders to develop an action plan they can follow as they move forward with meeting the housing needs for their community. This request incorporates a breakout of available federal, state, and local resources and a follow up virtual meeting with each community participating in the project.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	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 2021-2022	100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2017-18	0	75,000	2226	No

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.

No other resources known at this time.



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

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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Head and Coordinator salary	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel/supplies/indirect administrative costs	7,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for research of federal, state, and local resources and support services that would be available to each local community receiving technical assistance to pursue supportive housing. Includes contracted services for fiscal administration.	4,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses for consultants/development of online communication system to provide ongoing peer support to community dialogue communities	9,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Expert supportive housing consultants, website maintenance for developed materials, and evaluation of each area provided technical assistance	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

Due to COVID-19 it has become increasingly obvious for the need to develop safe and stable housing for people who are homeless or living in shelters and other congregate living arrangements. As CARES funding for housing disabled populations in hotels or short-term rapid-rehousing setting expires, communities must begin the process of developing other housing alternatives such as supportive housing for highly vulnerable individuals with disabilities such as mental illnesses, substance abuse disorders, and high risk medical conditions. The purpose of the Community Dialogue Technical Assistance Program is to educate these local governments and their community leaders of the value of and the process for developing supportive housing for persons with disabling conditions or experiencing homelessness. The goal of the program is that more communities will develop supportive housing ASAP to prevent another crisis like COVID caused.

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

Activities include face-to-face technical assistance with presentations by successful Florida supportive housing programs; distribution of resource materials including current and projected funding opportunities from local, state, and federal sources; researched community need of the target populations; establishment of a community steering committee; and the development of an individually written step by step action plan for supportive housing initiatives. Each training will include a virtual follow-up session with the established steering committee and access to all materials developed through this funded project.

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



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The service to Florida's citizens is to decrease homelessness in their communities through the development of appropriate and affordable housing to their citizens with disabilities that need added supports to access and maintain safe and stable housing. Research shows supportive housing saves other public resources such as health care and law enforcement dollars. Florida specific studies show supportive housing can save communities 1/3 or their costs associated with serving individuals who are homeless in the community. The project will provide direct face-to-face services to Florida's local leadership such as city and county commissioners, law enforcement, banks, foundations, chambers of commerce, service providers, churches and other faith based organizations, housing authorities, affordable housing developers, and other stakeholders including potential residents.

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

The Community Dialogue Technical Assistance Program is designed to target persons with disabling conditions and special needs and individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. These are persons with serious mental illnesses or substance abuse disorders, veterans and elders with disabilities, youth aging out of foster care, developmentally disabled, and families and children in the child welfare system experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. It is difficult to estimate the number of persons who will be housed as each supportive housing development could range from 50 units to 200 units.

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

The expected outcome is that communities receiving the technical assistance will, at a minimum, submit an application to develop special needs and/or homeless housing units. It is anticipated that the number of supportive housing units will increase over time due to this project. The long term goal is to reduce and prevent homelessness by creating more stable housing options. Applications to Florida Housing Finance Corporation by communities receiving the Community Dialogue Technical Assistance will be monitored as well as various applications and awards for federal funding programs.

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 contracting agency should not pay for any contractual deliverable not delivered.

13. 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.

NA



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number