



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1572

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

4. Project/Program Description

Palatka, a REDI community, needs financial and technical assistance to bolster its affordable housing strategy. One in Ten Palatka residents live in public housing and 43.2 % of the residents live in poverty. Jobs are scarce. Property values and tax revenues are too low to adequately support renewal and enhancement to the infrastructure to improve the quality of life. The City's goal is to lower the cost of financing desirable affordable housing projects. This funding would assist in the acquisition and preparation of land for the development of housing. This funding would leverage existing resources (i.e. code enforcement, abatement, utility expansion and surplus of available City land) to increase the availability and production of affordable housing.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

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

\$499,397.27 as a pass through from Putnam County. Used for Public Safety Personnel Costs; Employee leave due to Covid; telecommunications system and Commission Chamber Infrastructure to facilitate remote working, governmental business and public meetings; and PPE. \$5,234,421 in ARPA funding, \$2.69 million of this was allocated toward potable water; the remainder is PPE; Emergency Responder Communication Equipment; broadband; public educational; as well as health and safety programs.

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.

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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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land acquisition, utility extensions, and engineering for qualified workforce housing projects.	2,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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



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This funding would leverage existing resources (i.e. code enforcement, abatement, utility expansion and surplus of available City land) to increase the availability and production of affordable housing. The City shall partner with established regional housing nonprofits to fund the acquisition, abatement, entitlement and development of affordable work-force housing.

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

Technical assistance to bolster its affordable housing strategy and the acquisition and preparation of land for the development of housing. This funding would leverage existing resources (i.e. code enforcement, abatement, utility expansion and surplus of available City land) to increase the availability and production of affordable housing.

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

The outcome would be affordable housing to the Citizens of Palatka.

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

Palatka, a REDI community, one in Ten residents live in public housing and 43.2 % of the residents live in poverty. Jobs are scarce. Property values and tax revenues are too low to adequately support renewal and enhancement to the infrastructure to improve the quality of life. This initiative would bolster the economic profile creating the necessary work force affordable housing that is necessary to interest companies in locating facilities in Palatka. It would also create affordable housing options for current residents.

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

The City's goal is to lower the cost of financing desirable affordable housing projects and this can be measured by how much progress (affordable housing units) are created through this initiative.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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