



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1297

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CityHouse will provide long-term affordable housing and full wrap-around services to single mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	13%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	652,242	87%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	752,242	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	75,000	341	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Cityhouse is a privately funded organization.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will be spent towards the salaries of our social workers.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

13. Program Performance

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

We envision a world where single mothers in need who are facing homelessness can be given the opportunity to learn how to competently provide a safe, healthy environment for their children. CityHouse is premised on the research that strengthening the family unit can prevent children from entering the child welfare system. While many local organizations provide care to families or children post foster-care placement, CityHouse offers a proactive response. We prevent it by providing front-end services that enhance and strengthen the family unit by providing tools for healthy living. We believe this type of intervention will lead to systemic change throughout South Florida, creating a healthier community for generations to come.

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



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CityHouse is a one-to-two-year program that offers safe and affordable housing, wrap-around services, daily mentoring, educational opportunities, mental health services, and skill-building opportunities. We focus on empowering our mothers to live healthier lives through education, community, and career development offering a holistic approach to each family's multifaceted needs. Our program is designed to instill life-changing skills, values, and character into the families we serve.

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

Affordable housing lays the foundation for mothers to gain steps towards autonomy and for children to achieve steps towards successful futures. Single-family apartments in a community setting are newly renovated, fully furnished, and stocked with necessities, such as toiletries. Residents are responsible for a small amount of rental expenses, equaling about 30 percent of a full-time, minimum wage salary. We apply a strengths-based philosophy throughout our services, focused on resilience and resourcefulness. Our clinical social work team provide therapeutic services and increase access to community resources. Food assistance, transportation, and daycare are secured upon intake. A treatment plan with specific goals for each mother and each child is developed upon intake and is updated quarterly throughout their time in the program. Financial literacy, parenting, career development support, spiritual enrichment, and other life and social skill building classes are offered.

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

Homeless mothers and children have extremely complex needs. Studies show a variety of factors that need to be addressed, including mental health, physical health, development, and safety. The "Homeless Children: America's New Outcasts" report indicates 92% of homeless mothers have experienced severe assaults (physical or sexual). Homeless mothers have an alarming rate of mental health and emotional problems, including depression. Homeless children are four times more likely to have developmental delays than other children. Children who are placed in foster care are at risk for becoming a homeless family as adults. This report also predicts that family homelessness will increase, which makes our program a necessary option for families seeking to break the cycle.

Total Number of Families and Individuals Served: 60 individuals. CityHouse Residential Program: 20 families (20 mothers, 40 children)

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

We utilize individual treatment plans and clinical evaluation tools to assess self-sufficiency, and each families' readiness to sustain independence. Financial support is provided to help secure independent housing, and services are assessed and provided through the transition and stabilization process. We challenge our mothers to learn and become empowered to successfully live beyond their time at CityHouse. Due to our overarching goal to have long standing changes, we conduct follow-up evaluations with program graduates through the structure of our Alumni Care Program. The Alumni Care Program offers continued access to services and support over a five-year, step-down program to ensure graduates transition well into independent and healthy living. Our evaluations have consistently shown that graduates exit our program with the ability to provide for their families well beyond the scope of basic needs.

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?

Returned funding

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name	Lisa	Last Name	Wanamaker
b. Organization	CityHouse		
c. E-mail Address	lisa@cityhouseinc.org		
d. Phone Number	(561)400-7085	Ext.	

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	CityHouse
b. Municipality and County	Palm Beach
c. Organization Type	
☐ For Profit Entity	
☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)	
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)	



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☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.