



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1524

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Founded in 1992, Brehon House provides safe, transitional housing for unhoused, pregnant women and their infants in Tallahassee. At no cost to residents, the program offers a stable, nurturing environment with comprehensive services aimed at improving outcomes for both mothers and children.

Brehon House accommodates six women, along with their newborns and toddlers, at a time. Eligible residents must be 18 or older, pregnant upon enrollment, homeless or in unsafe living conditions, and free from a criminal history that poses a risk to others. Residents must also agree to abide by house rules.

Brehon House supports mothers by offering a safe space for them and their children (up to age 3), helping break the cycle of homelessness and promoting healthy pregnancies and early childhood development.

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	60,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	20,000
Total State Funds Requested	80,000

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)	80,000	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 2026-2027	80,000	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		
2023-24	0	100,000	315	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.



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Solicit contributions

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☒ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2025

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

Federal Grants.

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.

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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	Technology	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Direct client assistance, shelter operation needs and costs, increased client stabilization efforts, financial assistance to clients	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Shelter repair and residential bathroom repairs	20,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		80,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funds will support direct client assistance to enhance service delivery and promote longer term stabilization for families. Technology funds will upgrade all staff computer stations to improve documentation, case management, and service delivery. Updated computers will ensure efficient administrative operations and accurate recordkeeping. Additionally, computers will be available for residents to pursue education, job searches, and skill-building opportunities that support long-term stability and independence. Lastly, shelter repair and renovations to ensure the shelter is maintained for client use.

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

Activities include providing financial aid such as rental and utility assistance, meeting essential shelter needs, and supporting individualized services that help residents achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and long-term housing security. Additionally, more access to technology for workforce training, job searching, and educational pursuits.

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

The appropriations will enhance the current service delivery and provide the ability to expand our efforts for longer term client stabilization. Direct client assistance such as financial assistance when entering into housing or financial assistance in securing the necessary documentation (ID, birth certificates, etc) to qualify for housing. Clients will meet with the case manager once a week to determine current goals and needs.

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

The target population for this program is unhoused, pregnant women and their children. We anticipate serving at least 25 women and children annually.

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

The expected benefit and outcome of this project is to increase the longevity of client stabilization. The overarching goal is to reduce recidivism into shelters. By providing direct client assistance, we are able to alleviate a portion of the financial burden that residents experience. In doing so, we are able to stabilize them longer term.

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?

Loss of 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):

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

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



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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 Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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