



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1727

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Speer II will expand the inventory of affordable housing in Pasco County for underserved populations. Speer I was constructed in 2019 and is a six-unit apartment building offering supportive housing to eight adults with developmental disabilities. Speer II will be located on the same property and will provide 50 newly constructed units of affordable housing, serving up to 110 families, children, and youth aging out of foster care. Rent will meet HUD Fair Market rent standards.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	8%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	810,000	11%
Local	6,000,000	81%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	7,410,000	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		
2025-26	0	810,000	351A	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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/03/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2027

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

Funding generated through leases with the tenants, including a minimum of nine project based vouchers received through Pasco County, 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.

Youth and Family Advocates, Inc. is the sole owner of the property and facility.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for construction of Speer II. Speer II will offer 50 additional units of affordable housing located at The Commons on Plathe Road, near YFA's administrative office. This shovel-ready, centrally located property, is easily accessible to community resources, schools, and healthcare facilities.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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

Speer II, Affordable and Supportive Housing will provide 50 affordable housing units to serve up to 110 families, children, and youth aging out of foster care — helping to prevent homelessness and create pathways for long-term success in Pasco County. Speer II provides truly affordable housing, with 100% of the units within the Fair Market Rent for 60% AMI or below. Units will be designated to low- and very low-income families, youth aging out of foster care, and families reunifying through the foster care system — groups whose primary barrier to stability is access to affordable housing.



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

- Expand the inventory of safe, affordable, and accessible housing in Pasco County.
- Provide 50 new housing units for up to 110 low and very low-income individuals, families reunified in the foster care system, and children aging out of the foster care system.
- Offer affordable, newly constructed housing that is centrally located near or accessible to community resources, schools and health care.
- The Pasco County Housing Authority offers 15 project-based vouchers assigned to the project.
- Prevent removal or delays in reunification for families involved in child welfare services due to housing.
- Speer II will be located at The Commons on Plathe Road, near YFA's administrative office, where Speer I is located. Speer I was constructed in 2019 and is a six-unit apartment building offering supportive housing to eight adults with developmental disabilities.

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

Speer II will offer affordable, safe, and accessible housing for individuals and families that cannot afford current rent and housing costs and are at risk of homelessness. Units will be designated to low- and very low-income families, youth aging out of foster care, and families reunifying through the foster care system — groups whose primary barrier to stability is access to affordable housing.

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

Speer II will potentially house any of the following: elderly, persons with poor mental and/or physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, developmentally or physically disabled persons, pre and grade school students, university/college students, victims of crime, former foster youth that have aged out of foster care and are high risk for homelessness, and reunified families that were separated by foster care due to lack of housing.

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

Affordable housing will provide safe shelter and stability for individuals and families. This will be measured by the number of families and individuals served and the percentage of occupied units.

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?

Failure to meet the deliverables or performance measures would result in a reduction of approved appropriations.

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



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☐ 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 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)



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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.