



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1766

1. Project Title The EquiWell Project: Advancing Public Health Equity Through Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

2. Senate Sponsor Shevrin Jones

3. Date of Request 12/3/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The EquiWell Project is a first-in-Florida initiative to prevent homelessness, exploitation, and system cycling among young adults ages 18-24, with priority given to youth exiting foster care at age 18. The project will establish a mixed-use, 200-unit resilient housing campus in Miami-Dade County that integrates permanent affordability through a Community Land Trust model and provides on-site supportive services to stabilize health, housing, and workforce outcomes. The initiative includes a Health & Housing Navigation Center offering trauma-informed behavioral health care, physical health coordination, benefits and legal navigation, and tenancy support to ensure successful placement and retention. In addition, an AI Digital Incubator will operate on-site to deliver workforce training, entrepreneurship development, financial literacy, and technology-driven career pathways that reduce reliance on public systems and increase economic self-sufficiency.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	240,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	990,000

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)	990,000	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	990,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 450,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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In lieu of state funding, additional funding grants, affordable housing trust funds, 0% interest loans from Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD), and private funding partners will be considered.

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?

07/07/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/07/2027

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

Year-1 state funds will serve as seed capital to secure site control and advance pre-development work necessary to reach construction financing readiness, unlocking additional federal, philanthropic, and private capital. Recurring funds in years 2-5 will support continued capital advancement, operational stabilization during phased development, and compliance and readiness activities required for full build-out and occupancy.

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.

Haynes Harbour Group, Inc. (HHG)-Nonprofit/Owners, Haynes Techno Design & Development- Developers, H2G-Community Land Trust

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	GL/PL /Cyber/Sexual Molestation/Worker's Compensation/Commercial Umbrella Insurance \$30,000, AI Tech Lab build-out \$46,000, Electronic Lab Equipment \$40,000, Transportation Vehicle \$25,000, Utilities \$12,000, AI Ed/programmatic supplies \$10,000, other general costs \$17,000	180,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting (\$5,500), Web/Hosting IT (\$5,000), Legal (\$10,000), AI developer (\$10,000), Software Licensing (\$7,000) Marketing (\$5,000), additional consultative/contracted services/studies (\$17,500).	60,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Positioned as State Seed capital to secure site control AND advance to construction financing readiness, unlocking federal, philanthropic, and private housing capital, labor, site preparation, permits, pre-development, development consultants, zoning, urban planners, additional construction/planning/engineering costs	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		990,000

13. Program Performance

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

The EquiWell Project: Advancing Public Health Through Permanent Supportive Housing, Florida's first integrated Health, Housing, and Workforce Resilience Campus, specifically designed to prevent youth exiting foster care from entering homelessness, psychiatric inpatient settings, and the criminal legal system. The goal is to bolster housing stability and safety for our young adults 18-24 by combining supportive housing, mental and physical health services, and an AI-enabled innovation incubator to build long-term economic and health stability.

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

The mix-use buildout includes 200 residential technology designed one bedroom lofts with an onsite Health & Housing Navigation Center; embedded with clinical and support services, mindfulness pods for individual/group behavioral health and trauma informed care, mental health/physical and preventive health navigation support, life stabilization, assistance with (Snap benefits, State issued ID, legal, SSI/SSDI payee support), placement continuity to avoid returns to shelters or street homelessness, year round programming in digital AI-literacy-technology, entrepreneurship, and career-readiness.

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

This project will provide direct housing placement through rolling admissions for up to 200 young adults who have exited the foster care system. Housing Stabilization & Navigation will include: Intake, placement, and tenancy support for 200 residents. Move-in coordination, retention coaching, and landlord mediation. Assistance with documentation, benefits enrollment, and credit repair.

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

The targeted population served by this project is 200 young adults ages 18-24 who are: at risk youth exiting foster care, LGBTQ+ young adults, economically disadvantaged individuals, homeless/displaced, physically disabled, developmentally disabled, etc.

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

State investment will convert a high-risk discharge population into a stably housed, working, and clinically supported population, measurably reducing state expenditures on crisis systems while creating a permanent affordable housing resource that can be replicated statewide. Creation of a Permanent, Replicable Housing Asset
Site control and pre-development completed to advance to construction financing. Permanent affordability secured through a Community Land Trust structure. Deployment of a replicable blueprint for expansion in other Florida counties. Housing Stabilization for Priority Population: 200 young adults housed at any given time (rolling admissions). Priority placement for youth exiting foster care at age 18, Successful transition from discharge to stable housing without entering shelters or street homelessness.

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?

Haynes Harbour Group, Inc. (HHG) commits to presenting the DOH with clear outcomes and quantifiable deliverable goals and objectives that clearly define our services commitment to the programs that will be funded by this Special Appropriation. Should HHG not be able to fully comply with its target goals, we will accept penalty by reduction of funding, quantifiable to the percentage of the unmet goal. Our goal is use the requested funds to serve the needs of the vulnerable population we serve.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No



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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

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**



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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.

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.