



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2241

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

CP Works is Chapman Partnership's innovative bridge employment program designed to break the cycle of homelessness by restoring the dignity of work. Through partnerships with Miami Dade College, Dade County Public Schools, local municipalities, and 100+ employers, CP Works provides individuals experiencing homelessness with paid, hands-on employment while helping them transition into stable jobs and housing. Participants gain real-world experience in landscaping, horticulture and property maintenance, earning industry-recognized certificates that enhance their employability and long-term stability. As the program continues to grow, Chapman Partnership aims to evolve CP Works into a regional staffing initiative serving the homeless, becoming a trusted source for employers seeking motivated individuals who are rebuilding their lives. With 30 years' experience helping this population successfully re-enter the workforce, we are uniquely positioned to connect opportunity with potential.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operating | 450,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 50,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 500,000 |

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) | 500,000 | 29% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 1,240,202 | 71% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 1,740,202 | 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 | | |
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9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

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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No other source of funding is available in the amount needed for the success of the program. Committed local funds includes \$458,000 from Lennar Foundation in support of The Underline employment social enterprise, and grant funding (corporate, foundation) in support of our Workforce Development efforts.

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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

06/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/31/2025

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

Augmented programming will be incorporated into Chapman Partnership's overall operational budget (currently \$21M), with support solicited from individuals (micro and macro donations), corporate social responsibility funding, and grant funding (federal, state, local and foundation).

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.

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, which oversees the local Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), owns the two Chapman-operated Homeless Assistance Centers. Chapman and the Homeless Trust were co-created in 1993, with Chapman operating within the Homeless CoC as the sole private sector partner to the 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 | Wages and Benefits: Vice President of Education & Workforce Development | 15,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Administrative Equipment and Expenses | 50,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Wages and Benefits: Education Program Coordinator, Employment & Education Manager, and four Employment & Education Specialists | 85,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Educational Materials and Supplies: apprenticeship uniforms, licenses and certifications, educational curriculum/supplies, apprenticeship stipends, course enrollment fees, and transportation passes (work and educational related). | 300,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |



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| Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering | Implementation of a Workforce Development Computer Lab and classroom at Chapman Partnership North where workforce education and training apprenticeship classes will be held (i.e., Park Stewards, Phlebotomy, Certified Nursing Assistant, Healthcare/Pharmacy Assistant, Cyber Technology, etc.); | 50,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 500,000 |

13. Program Performance

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

Chapman Partnership's Workforce Development Program (CP Works) is an intentional effort to provide life-changing upskills/reskills apprenticeship training and educational support, linkages to services, and job placement for 550 men and women experiencing homelessness. Through comprehensive wrap-around support services, Chapman Partnership is shaping the equitable future of Miami-Dade County.

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

One-to-one education support, individual/group life skills training, computer access and instruction, employment supports/linkages, resume creation, access to professional attire, job readiness training, intensive vocational certification training (short-term apprenticeships in over 25 fields of interest, including The Underline Park Stewards Program), ESOL classes, GED completion support, and other activities that open doors to a competitive living wage fostering long-term housing stability.

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

In addition to workforce development and education support services, clients will receive transitional employment for one year. During this period, they will be expected to acquire industry-recognized certifications or enroll in an apprenticeship program while gaining hands-on experience with our employer partners and earning an hourly wage. By the end of the year, our Employment Specialist will assist clients in re-entering the workforce, equipped with newly acquired certifications, additional work experience, and strengthened resumes that enhance their long-term employability.

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

Chapman Partnership is the gold standard of holistic care for the unhoused in Miami-Dade County, operating two state-of-the-art Homeless Assistance Centers (800 nightly beds) that provide over 60% of this community's emergency shelter inventory. Throughout our operational footprint we serve over 6,000 individuals annually (60% single adult, 40% families with children), including 3,000 in shelter; 1,000 Follow-Up clients; 1,000 parents with children (300 households) living in hotels/motels while awaiting a family-designated shelter placement; 521 Emergency Housing Voucher households, for which we provide annual housing recertification and support services; and serving as the sole housing navigator for all families with children in Miami-Dade that are experiencing homelessness, which includes prevention, Rapid-Rehousing and Housing Navigation.

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

CP Works will expand to employ 20 Chapman clients through its bridge employment program and will enhance our current efforts of assisting 550 clients through workforce development and employment initiatives. The program will help homeless men and women obtain employment fostering housing stability and ensure they participate in 75% (3 of 4) of the following benchmarks: 1) one-to-one education support, 2) life skills training, 3) one-to-one employment coaching, and 4) upskills/reskills apprenticeship. Additional success metrics for CP Works include the number of participants transitioning into stable employment and housing, and the acquisition of at least one industry-recognized credential.

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?

Standard contract penalties that may include the return of appropriated funds.

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.