



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3138

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Build a 2,500 sq. ft. ultra inclusive restroom and shower building. Has multiple family restrooms suitable for families living with mental and physical disabilities; a comprehensive restroom and shower with built in lift system, adult changing and shower tables, and special attention to color, sound and lighting; a specially designed and equipped sensory room and quiet restroom intentionally for those who are over stimulated, and electronic monitoring and guiding systems for those who are visually impaired or in need of emergency help. Build an interactive and inclusive splash play area, therapy paths, unique therapy centers focusing on fine and gross motor skills, tactile experiences, and experiences for those who want to interact with water but have fear.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	30%
Other	1,000,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No
- 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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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. 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.

Property owner: Lake Aurora Christian Camp and Retreat Center
 Entity: Removing the Barriers Initiative is a nonprofit created specifically to bring into existence an aquatic adventure experience that is intentionally and fully inclusive of people and families living with disabilities. It is called Stirring Waters. Its Board includes staff from Lake Aurora as well as community members. RTBI is charged with overseeing and managing the entire process, including securing the funding.

13. 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: Other		
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	Infrastructure, design, engineering, and administrative costs.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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



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It is important to know that people with disabilities will be served at no charge and that no family will ever be excluded for lack of money.

It will assist with the building of Step 1 of Stirring Waters, which is the ultra-inclusive bathhouse and Florida's first fully inclusive and therapeutic splash play experience. The splash play experience is called Rain Forest Adventure and it is designed by Rain Drop, the world leader in inclusive splash play. It includes features that currently do not exist anywhere in the world, thus it will be the new gold standard for inclusive and therapeutic splash play.

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

The bathhouse will include multiple rooms suitable for specific disabilities. Rain Forest Adventure will be focused on inclusive adventure therapy and play. It will be a scheduled experience so the appropriate staff will be on hand to guide the experience.

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

Inclusive play where children of all abilities will not just share space, but share experiences. A safe place where families living with disabilities will be able to have a full experience without fear or overcrowding. The opportunity for Physical and Occupational Therapists to engage children in a stimulating experience. A place where a community can unite around an experience that includes "all God's children."

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

The target population is individuals and families living with disabilities along with their friends. Step 1 is anticipated to serve between 15,000 and 20,000 people. Stirring Waters, when complete, will serve between 100,000 and 2,00,000 people.

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

The benefit fits into two categories -- quality of life and health for people living with disabilities. The therapy will be under the direction of certified therapists who will be recording their progress. The quality of life will be evaluated by the feedback from the families served..

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 the contract?

Non-payment of invoices.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number