



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1495

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

4. Project/Program Description

The funds will support the homeless crisis for families of Miami Dade Public School students. It will provide temporary housing, security deposits, utilities and transportation. Project Connect removes barriers to school attendance for Miami Dade Students through The School Board of Miami Dade County funding. The program currently provides wrap around services through a network of collaborative partners. The partners provide food, mentoring and counseling, tutoring and clothing. The funding does not extend to housing and transportation. Project Connect will use state funding to meet the vital housing and transportation needs of our students and their families.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	201,834	40%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	501,834	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future 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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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.

Agency operations

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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director Salary	28,860
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General Liability Insurance	2,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program Manager salary and benefits	11,100
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Participant Housing,Rent Utilities and Transportation. Program Supplies Case, Management Software, Computer, Office Furniture, Office Supplies and background screening.	254,040
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Outreach and project promotion	4,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to provide temporary housing, security deposits, utilities and transportation which are major barriers to school attendance of Miami Dade County students.

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



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Case managers will assess the housing and other needs of Miami Dade County students through a Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) Assessment. The case manager will use the assessment to provide the needs of the student. The case manager will follow up with families to ensure that needs are met by partners and state funding. Finally, the families will fill out a survey to ensure that the barriers to attendance were removed.

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

The funds will be used to provide temporary housing, security deposits, utilities and transportation to Miami Dade County students. These are major barriers to school attendance.

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

Miami Dade County Public School students and families. The program will serve between 200 and 400 students.

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

The program aims to remove barriers to student school attendance and decrease student and their families homelessness. These will be measured through the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) Assessment and a client survey.

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?

In the event of a breach of contract, the state should issue a notice of pending termination along with an improvement plan. The state should then give the agency 30 business days to execute the plan. If the improvement plan is not fully executed within 30 business days, payment will be suspended and the contract will be terminated.

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

d. First Name **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number