



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1662

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The project aims to partially fund the construction of a state-of-the-art facility for individuals with neurological disorders. The facility will include multiple residential homes and provide 24-hour live-in care for adults over age 22. The funding will be used to conduct inspections and carry out construction works to build a state-of-the-art facility that covers all aspects of care required for individuals with neurological disorders, site surveys, renovation of an existing educational building for a cutting edge program for individuals with disabilities / Environmental plan and engineering.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	7%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	6,600,000	93%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>7,100,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

Financing and capital campaign

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.

\$500,000 PPP loan; used for operational expenses

## 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

March 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2024

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.

N/A

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction related works, such as pre-construction activities involving inspections, architectural and engineering development, electrical and plumbing plans, and environmental inspections, site preparation, and foundation creation of the new facility. Furthermore, the funds will be spent on purchasing necessary materials for the interior alteration of the existing building. These include drywall, paints, flooring materials, and doors.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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The aim of this project is to develop a top-notch residential facility that offers around-the-clock care for adults with neurological disorders. This facility is designed specifically for individuals with motor disabilities, and it will provide them with structured activities, social interaction, and other opportunities that enhance their quality of life. The programs and care provided at the residential homes will be an extension of CECO's center-based day programs. The care offered through this initiative will also benefit the family members of the individuals by providing them with a sense of peace and reassurance. It is vital to establish a community where people with motor disabilities can reside, learn, and work. Currently, no such community exists that provides all these elements in one property. Also, the funds will be used to execute an interior modification, and to renovate a newly purchased building.

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

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

Educational, therapeutic, life-skill, educational rehabilitation program, recreational, after school services, 24/7 care, medical services, social services, and personal care services for individuals with neurological disorders.

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

The target population is adults and children with neurological disorders. 100-200 per year.

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

The outcome of this project will be a residential facility that caters to individuals with neurological disorders. The facility will provide spacious rooms, modern and accessible kitchens, bathrooms, and outdoor space with specific furniture and equipment. It will be staffed with registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, specially trained caregivers, and life-skill specialists. Additionally, residents can access CECO-trained assistants, life-skill specialists, and conductive education instructors, and reduce the burdens on the state by occupying the existing space. Families will have an access to a high quality program that is specifically structured and developed for their loved ones with neurological disorders. Currently, CECO serves 100 families per year. Each of our programs have a wait list and families move from other states and countries to be part of the program. The educational building would allow us to increase enrollment and open new classrooms.

**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?**

Standard contract terms should apply and the funds would be returned to the state if not used for the purpose set forth herein.

**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



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- 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**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**   
**b. Firm Name**   
**c. E-mail Address**   
**d. Phone Number**