



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1284

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will support infrastructure hardening for The Arc's south campus in Palm Springs, FL. The Arc serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, a particularly vulnerable population. The campus's Café is a food service training site for adults with disabilities and will be undergoing a full renovation from 2023-2024. Currently, about 20 trainees per year provide meals to 90 adults with disabilities each day, enhancing recipients' food security. Funds will be used to purchase and install a natural gas-powered generator, walk-in freezer, and impact windows and doors. This will allow the Café to serve as a food distribution hub for 500+ people at 3 meals per day in an emergency, creating a new community resource for emergency preparedness and action. It will also increase long-term safety and security for the 200 clients and team members on campus each day, while ensuring agency sustainability by protecting our infrastructure and investments.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	555,000
Total State Funds Requested	555,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	555,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	400,000	42%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	955,000	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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In lieu of state funding, The Arc will aggressively pursue additional grants and major donations to complete the project. The Arc has raised \$400,000 thus far for the project, with another \$100,000 grant determination expected by April (semi-finalist stage currently).

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

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

The Arc of Palm Beach County received \$1,086,510 from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to pay eligible Payroll Costs as authorized by the CARES Act. The Arc also received approximately \$90,000 from the Provider Relief Fund.

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

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.

The Arc of Palm Beach County owns the facility to be hardened with Local Funding Initiative funds and will receive the fixed capital outlay 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:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	150 KW Generac Natural Gas-Powered Generator: \$80,000 (labor, materials, permitting), Impact Windows & Doors: \$395,000 (labor, materials, permitting), Walk-in Freezer:\$65,000 (labor, equipment, permitting), Gas Line Enhancements: \$15,000 (labor, materials, permitting)	555,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		555,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funds will support infrastructure hardening for The Arc's south campus Cafe in Palm Springs, FL. The primary hazards facing Palm Beach County include natural disasters (i.e., hurricanes/tropical storms), extreme weather events (i.e., drought, floods, fires), communicable disease, technological hazards and human-caused hazards (PBC Div. of Emergency Management). About 94% of the county's population resides within 12 miles of the Atlantic coast, making hurricanes a primary emergency concern. This project will protect the safety of clients and team members on campus, while creating a hardened food distribution hub capable of serving meals to 500 people per day in an emergency.

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

Hardening construction will be completed from 2023-2024 concurrent with planned renovations to the Cafe. Funds will be used to purchase and install a 150 kW Generac natural gas-powered generator, walk-in freezer, and impact windows and doors, and to perform gas line enhancements. From then on, it will also serve as a food distribution hub with the capacity to produce meals for about 500 local community members per day. The Cafe is managed and operated by Arc team members who train and oversee workers with disabilities. Trainees currently provide meals to 90 adults with disabilities each day, enhancing food security. The daily capacity of the program will also increase as a result of this project.

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

The Arc operates 7 group homes across Palm Beach County, serving over 50 residents with disabilities. Further, The Arc has capital funding to construct an onsite hurricane/storm shelter for 70 local clients and families. This project would allow us to ensure food security during an emergency for our residents, those in our shelter, and nearly 400 additional people in the community. Further, full renovations will transform the Cafe into the Hospitality Training Center & Café, an innovative workforce development space centered around Certificate Programs developed in coordination with universities and industry partners. (\$200,00 in program funding is secured to redesign the program.)

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

Our south campus and Cafe serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Hardening will enhance the safety and security of about 200 clients and team members who frequent the campus each day, while creating a community resource for emergency food distribution. The Cafe currently provides employment training for 20 adults per year through the program. After the full renovation and hardening, the Cafe will have the capacity to train up to 50 adults per year, more than doubling the current program capacity. Further, the curriculum will be revamped to target Palm Beach County's largest industries, hospitality and tourism, increasing the chance of success for job placements.

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

Direct outcomes include improving the agency's infrastructure through hardening and providing access to local food and resources in the event of an emergency. Construction will meet hurricane codes and will result in the capacity to maintain a food distribution hub for about 500 people with disabilities, their families, and others in the community during a storm or emergency. Secondary outcomes include adults with disabilities will have the work skills needed to gain employment (up to 50 per year) and are able to achieve employment in the community (up to 35 per year). Skills assessments, on-the-job performance, and follow-up with program graduates for up to a year will inform these outcomes.

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?

If we fail to meet the deliverables described in this application, we will negotiate return of funds.

15. Requester Contact Information



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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
e. E-mail Address
f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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