



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1112

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Transitions Life Center and Community is a non-profit 501 C 3 organization providing support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). We are located in Marion County Florida and provide day program services to over 60 individuals along with advocacy and service locator assistance to anyone in our community caring for an individual with I/DD. Our day programs provide engaging activities so these individuals can reach their fullest potential while providing their families with the security of knowing their loved ones are well cared for during the day allowing these families to continue with their daily routines of work and family life so that they can be productive members of our community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,800,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,800,000

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)	1,800,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	365,000	16%
Other	100,000	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,265,000	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.

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.

PPP - (\$37,495.00) Salaries
 CARES - (\$55,137.00) Staffing, PPE, and Program Scholarships
 ARPA - City of Ocala (\$12,960) Income loss due to Covid-19 and salaries to provide additional client services.
 ARPA - Marion County (\$50,000) - Modular Building to increase program space and expand services

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

September 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2025

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.

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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	Expanding the footprint of the Carmen and Carlos Pascual Community Center will allow for an additional 150 weekly spaces available to provide day programming for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).	1,800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,800,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have limited access to day time program options that provide enrichment, social activities, and personal care. There are roughly 4,000 adults with I/DD living in Marion County and only about 500 adults have access to day programs due to lack of program availability. Currently, there are four day programs available, one of which is Transitions Life Center. At TLC, programming options will be expanded to offer more varied activities for differently abled individuals. The number of spaces available for attendance will double to provide 300 spaces/week or roughly to serve 120 individuals.

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

The current community center houses the THRIVE (Teamwork, Honor, Respect, Independence, Values, Engineering) Program, the Community Navigator Services Program (available to any family in the community caring for an individual with I/DD connecting them to local programs and services), and administrative offices. The building expansion will allow for THRIVE to serve more individuals, expand enrichment and social activity options currently available, and include vocational training opportunities.

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

Day program services will be provided to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that enrich and teach life skills, activities of daily living, enterprises (vocational training and business operations), social skills, and physical fitness. The Community Navigator Services program will provide all caregivers of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities access to advocacy efforts, connections to local programs, and assistance with applications for local services.

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

Adults with an intellectual/developmental disability who are not eligible for traditional employment opportunities attend our day programs, 90% of whom are economically disadvantaged. While there is not a cap on age, TLC adults range from 18 years old to well into their 60s. We expect to serve 120 individuals and their families. The Community Navigator Services program serves all families, living in the local community, caring for an individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The emphasis of the Community Navigator program is to assist elderly caregivers caring for elderly individuals with I/DD however, its assistance is available to anyone in the community searching for services or needing assistance with completing applications.

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

Individuals with I/DD are currently grossly under served in Marion County. This program will allow a greater number of individuals access to day program services. With the increase in square footage, an increase in services will be put into effect. Enrollment and admissions will be tracked on a daily and monthly basis. Clients will complete a HUD approved Self-Certification form to track demographic information.

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?

Funding will be returned.

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