



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2075

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Arc of Palm Beach County, a premier agency serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Florida, will rebuild its facility on the Research Park campus of Florida Atlantic University into The ArtWorks Incubator and Research Center. ArtWorks is a fully integrated hub of social, cultural, and intellectual activity that will aid the Research Park's transformation into an "innovation district" and contribute to the emerging arts and culture scene of Boca Raton. Artworks will feature: (1) a rotating gallery of art produced by artists with disabilities; (2) interactive performances and events; (3) presentations and lectures by thought leaders of the disability community; and (4) a café and gift shop for workforce development programming. ArtWorks aims to convey the stories, accomplishments, and lived experiences of people with disabilities to advance their ability to flourish in our community and promote acceptance for all.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,500,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,000,000	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.

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



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Yes

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). The funds were used to pay eligible Payroll Costs as authorized by the CARES Act.

11. 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	100% of requested LFI funds will be used for the construction, planning, and engineering of The Arc of Palm Beach County's ArtWorks Incubator and Research Center located at Florida Atlantic University's Research Park campus in Boca Raton, Florida.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will provide capital support for the rebuild of The Arc's current facility on Florida Atlantic University's Research Park campus into The ArtWorks Incubator and Research Center. The purpose of ArtWorks is to evolve the conversation around disabilities through a multifaceted exploration of their individual and collective lives that helps our community embrace acceptance and inclusion for people with disabilities, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

ArtWorks will feature: (1) curated collections of art by amateurs and professionals with disabilities, (2) interactive exhibitions, lectures, events to convey the stories, accomplishments, and lived experiences of people with disabilities, (3) presentations and lectures by thought leaders and change agents, (4) and daily 1-on-1 interactions with people with disabilities through art classes and workforce development programs. Visitors will explore central concepts including acceptance, belonging, bias, fear, diversity, and inclusion. The Arc will partner with local organizations to support research endeavors into disability studies.

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

Services include direct engagement in arts and culture for citizens with and without disabilities. Services aimed at improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities include art therapy and education, life skills education, vocational training, and paid work opportunities at the café, gift shop, and other operational jobs at ArtWorks. Opportunities for daily engagement between people with and without disabilities are a cornerstone of the project.

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



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This project aims to engage citizens of Palm Beach County from all walks of life in project activities. Marketing will target the 1.5 million residents of the county, including 28,500 individuals with disabilities, and the 8 million vacationers that visit our county each year (4.5 million of whom come from out of state). We will engage 175-210 citizens per week and 30 individuals with disabilities per day in ArtWorks activities and services.

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

The ultimate project goal is to create a fundamental change in acceptance of persons with disabilities. The following project outcomes will determine success: (1) execution of at least 4 curated art collections/exhibitions per year, (2) identification and analysis of track-able qualitative data to record changes in perceptions of people with disabilities, and (3) quantitative tracking of activity engagement with people with disabilities and the greater public.

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 The Arc fails to meet deliverables or performance measures needed to commence the building of this facility, The Arc is prepared to return Local Funding Initiative funds back to the State of Florida.

13. 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 rebuilt with Local Funding Initiative funds and will receive the fixed capital outlay funding.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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