



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2148

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Arc Nassau has provided programs and services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1974. Our aging facility was erected in 1981, which has presented a myriad of challenges. As the organization looks toward the future, expansion is necessary to bridge the gap in services to provide skills-based learning that will ultimately lead to an increase in employment for persons with disabilities in Nassau County. The Arc Nassau provides round-trip transportation for participants. Funding is imperative to the growth of the organization as it will provide an expansion of 4,000 square feet that will best accommodate a larger footprint for our resale store, a skills laboratory with integrated technology, a commercial-grade culinary kitchen, completion of the Outdoor Experience Center with the addition of playground equipment to provide community inclusion to persons of all ages and abilities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	290,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	960,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,250,000	92%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	101,336	8%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>1,351,336</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.



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

Yes

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

\$305,300 - PPP Grants - used to compensate staff during the pandemic  
\$64,945 - CARES Act - used to make improvements to the facility for mitigation of COVID (i.e. flooring, HVAC improvements with improved filtration)

#### 11. 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Commercial grade culinary equipment, playground equipment with safety surfacing & applicable shade structures, fitness equipment, skills laboratory equipment, office equipment with furnishings. Purchasing of a used 15 passenger van with a lift, box truck (26 foot or less), and a truck with towing capacity.	265,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractors, engineering and other planning costs associated with capital improvements	25,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovations/upgrades to existing facility of 8,000+ sq ft, expansion with the addition of 4,000 sq ft, repurposing of existing exterior building for the Outdoor Experience Center, additional parking	960,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,250,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Funds would cover the building expansion with the addition of 4,000 square feet that would be divided into improvements for the resale store (a revenue generating enterprise), addition of a culinary kitchen (skills-based learning, future revenue generation, community usage for events), skills laboratory (educational and enterprise opportunities), completion of the Outdoor Experience Center.

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

This funding would provide not only sustainability, but expansion of current programs and services. By providing more skills-based learning, this will provide a wide network for young adults transiting from county educational program to encourage participation with our programs. This funding will be vital to expansion of services for not only adults, but in the future children and seniors. The Outdoor Experience Center promotes health and wellness with opportunities for the whole family to enjoy the facilities furthering the message of community inclusion.

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



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Direct services offered to the targeted demographic will feature expansion to incorporate more skills-based learning that would provide a series of micro enterprises that would help to generate revenue for The Arc. Life Skills Development and Nassau Works (our in house entity that provides employment opportunities to the I/DD community) would have the resources necessary to train our individuals with skills that they could take into the community to enter into sustained employment opportunities.

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

The current population targeted are adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are currently serving approximately 60 individuals. Each year the Nassau County school system transitions 40 students from their system and looks for opportunities such as The Arc to act a bridge for these students to pass them to adulthood. By strengthening and expansion of programming it is more feasible that we could secure placements for young adults leaving the Transitioning Adult Program (TAP). As far as community inclusion, the public is welcome to visit our Outdoor Experience Center and volunteer. Our building is also home to several other non-profits who meet weekly, those entities include the Vietnam Veterans Association, North Florida Autism Advocates, Boy Scouts of America, Amelia Cruizers, and Fraternal Order of the Police.

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

The expected outcome for this expansion would be bringing a new generation of participants to our programs and services. By expanding our space, we are able to expand programs and diversify programming to eventually include children and seniors. Our programs and services enrich the participants life through the building of skills, community inclusion and ultimately finding sustaining employment. With the end resolve being placing individuals in meaningful employment relationships, it will lift the burden for governmental assistance programs.

**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 at anytime we are not fulfilling our contractual agreement, we will cease and return unused proceeds back to the state.

**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 Nassau is both the owner and operator.



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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