



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1574

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Club Challenge is a unique program of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc, in Clay County Florida. The purpose of Club Challenge is to provide transitional support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently in limbo and suffering from a lack of supportive services. These adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are isolated from the community because they are: unfunded; on the waitlist for the iBudget waiver through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; employed individuals; senior citizens; and retirees. Club Challenge provides an essential service to the community by offering a program where Club members can gain and maintain meaningful life qualities such as employment training, advocacy training, social skills training, transportation training, financial literacy, and health and safety training, while giving back to the community through volunteerism and education.

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	275,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>275,000</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)	275,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>275,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000	240A	No

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?**



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Yes

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

In April 2020: Paycheck Protection Program \$1,125,000 to continue payroll and benefits.  
 CARES Act-Clay County \$29,000 to purchase a large walk in cooler and freezer to store food for county distribution.

## 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)?

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.

### 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	Project Manager salary and benefits	73,970
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Direct care wages and benefits for 2 full time Activity Leaders, 1 part time Activity Leader, and 1 full time Activity Assistant; staff have successfully been screened through the Florida Clearinghouse. Staff have completed and will adhere to APD training requirements for their assigned duties and person centered planning.	187,346
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses will include utilities for the Club, equipment upgrades, additional technology and software for the visually and hearing impaired, educational and enrichment needs, expendable supplies for the facility and business supplies for the operations.	13,684
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>275,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

Club Challenge supports the intellectually and developmentally disabled in the community who have unmet needs due to lack of funding and supportive services. Club Challenge is the bridge for this vulnerable population who desire to feel valued by their community and to participate in meaningful life activities that satisfy their personal goals such as: expand their interests and abilities, engage in volunteer service, learn about taking care of themselves, and explore the possibility of work.

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

The Club members and their families receive education, guidance, support, training, and peer mentor-ship. The Club members will have multiple opportunities to choose formal and informal activities that include: healthy living sessions, financial literacy, advocacy training and group meetings, recreational events, arts and culture programs, volunteer service at local nonprofits to gain job skills, preemployment training sessions, job searching and referral services to Vocational Rehabilitation for Job Placement and On-the-Job training, and transportation training to access local public transportation as well as alternatives. Members and staff decide on regular scheduled activities posted on a calendar and shared on the Club Challenge Facebook page for members to select activities and training sessions.

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

The trained Activity Leaders and Assistants will work directly with the adult's providing supervision, education, guidance, support, and training. The direct care staff will work directly with the adults to design personalized plans that will meet their personal goals and review quarterly. The staff will also introduce new activities to enrich the lives of the members. Staff will encourage Club members to participate in sessions that enhance and improve their hard skills and soft skills, to learn about money management, to participate in informal activities developing social skills, escorting the individuals (small groups) to nonprofits for volunteer service hours and job skill development while gaining stamina, transportation training to use the new limited commuter service, and learning to advocate for themselves. The services are available Monday through Friday and there are two evening events each month that include family members and friends.

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

The target population is unfunded adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the North Florida area of Clay and Duval County. Membership is expected to exceed forty enrolled members monthly with at least twenty-five members engaged in activities each month.

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

1. 100% of members who receive training about their rights and how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
2. 85% of Club Challenge applicants who enroll in the Club Challenge Program shall complete a least (1) personal interest goal identified on their IIP.
3. 85% of program members with a recreational goal on their IIP shall engage in community recreational activities through participation in off-site recreational activities.
4. 80% of program members with an advocacy goal on their IIP shall attend Advocacy Group Activities.
5. 85% of program members with a social goal on their IIP shall demonstrate an increased awareness and knowledge of social skills and inclusion through participation in monthly friends and family events.
6. 85% of Club Challenge Program members with an employment goal on their IIP shall attend at least (1) employment training session with a variety of employment related topics. Club Challenge will offer members training on public transportation.

##### 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 Club Challenge falls below the minimum requirements as established in the APD Objectives and Anticipated Results, as the program enters the fourth quarter of this year, then a probationary period of six months will be established effective the first day of the new funding year. During this probationary period, Club Challenge must increase its results by 30% to continue the program. If 80% of deliverables are not met after the completion of the probationary period, then a per capital arrangement will be established between Challenge Enterprises and APD effective the first day of the third quarter funded year until the minimum percentage is achieved and reported to APD monitoring personnel.



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#### 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

- 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