



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2661

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Construction of a 8,500 sq ft Life Development Center designed to serve individuals with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. This project will replace a 90+ yr old structure. The organization has leased the current facility from the Sumter County School Board for the past 40+ years, however, because of the tremendous growth that the school district is experiencing, they have given notice of not renewing the lease after 2030. The Arc Nature Coast is a 50 year old organization with a committed board of directors and an experienced competent staff prepared to ensure successful timely completion of this project request if funded. The Sumter County Board of County Commissioners is providing land for this project and has already voted unanimously to support the project if funded.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,850,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,850,000

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)	1,850,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,850,000	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.

CARES Act:
 1. PPP Loan, Payroll costs to maintain residential services, \$1,458,330
 2. Provider Relief Funds, HCBS lost revenue replacement, \$96,828
 3. County CARES Act (Pasco & Hernando), electrostatic sprayers, custodial labor, solutions, PPE, and transportation supplement, \$74,053 maximum.
 4. Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for staffing recruitment and retention - \$1,133,237

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.

The facility constructed through this request will be owned and operated by The Arc Nature Coast, Inc. However, the land will be owned by the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners and provided to The Arc Nature Coast through a long-term lease. If The Arc Nature Cost in the future were to ever discontinue using the facility for its intended purpose, the asset would transfer to Sumter County government to be used for an alternative public benefit.

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	Land cost	1,850,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,850,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Construction of a 8,500+ sq-ft Life Development Center in order to relocate current services from a 90+ year old facility that is leased from the Sumter County School Board. The organization has leased the facility from the School Board for the past 40+ years, however, because of the tremendous growth that the school district is experiencing, they have given notice of not renewing the lease after 2030.

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

Activities funded by this appropriation, if granted, include design, pre-development, site work and construction of a 8,500 sq ft commercial Life Development Center at 316 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave., Bushnell, FL. The land is owned by Sumter County Government and being made available for this project with written unanimous support by the board of county commissioners. The site is pre-engineered and ready for development.

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

This proposed Life Development Center will provide adult day treatment and respite services for individuals living with their families, as well as individuals residing in long term-care housing. The Arc Nature Coast has had to decline new referrals to this service in recent years due to insufficient space at the existing facility. This project will double the service capacity, allowing The Arc to accept all new referrals in a timely manner from the Agency for Persons with Disabilities.

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

This center will serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are clients of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD). This center will serve 150+ individuals.

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

This project will replace a 90+ year old structure that is in extremely poor condition and is currently at full capacity, thus ensuring improved safety and quality of service for a population of individuals with disabilities. We expect to see a reduction in incident/accident reports, improved goal progress reports, as well as an increase in the number of people being served.

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?

Any unused appropriated state funding will revert back to the state in the case of unmet deliverables or costs that are below what is budgeted. If The Arc Nature Coast were to ever discontinue using the facility for its intended purpose in the future, the asset would transfer to Sumter County government to be used for an alternative public benefit.

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