



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1599

1. Project Title Alpert Jewish Family Service, Rales JFS & inSIGHT Through Education Traveling Holocaust Classroom

2. Senate Sponsor Lori Berman

3. Date of Request 2/21/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will allow Alpert JFS, in partnership with inSIGHT Through Education, Inc and Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services to bring the Hate Ends Now Cattle Car to approximately 10,000 students at 15 schools and colleges throughout Palm Beach County. This multi-sensory traveling Holocaust classroom provides an immersive lesson about the history of the Holocaust (1933-1945) instilling empathy in students as they gain awareness of hatred and the harm it can cause. As incidents of antisemitism and hate surge in Palm Beach County and in the state of Florida, it is urgent to provide Holocaust education to students in keeping with Section 233.061 of the Florida Statutes (Chapter 94-14, Laws of Florida).

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	165,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	165,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	165,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	165,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	330,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	165,000	105	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 165,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Fundraising from individual donors and private foundations.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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	Indirect fee of 10% for operational management, oversight and coordination.	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funding will be used to rent the traveling Holocaust cattle car classroom for 7.5 weeks and bring it to approximately 10,000 students at 15 high schools and/or colleges in Palm Beach County.	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		165,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will allow Alpert JFS, in partnership with inSIGHT Through Education, Inc and Ruth & Norman Rales Jewish Family Services to bring the Hate Ends Now Cattle Car to approximately 10,000 students at 15 schools and colleges throughout Palm Beach County. This multi-sensory traveling Holocaust classroom provides an immersive lesson about the history of the Holocaust (1933-1945) instilling empathy in students as they gain awareness of hatred and the harm it can cause.



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

Funding will be used to provide approximately 10,000 students at approximately 15 public high schools and colleges in Palm Beach County with the opportunity to experience the traveling Holocaust classroom. The multi-sensory exhibit will reach approximately 1,300 Palm Beach County students per week during its 7.5 week tour.

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

Set inside a replica World War II cattle car, students will get a powerful look at the history of the Holocaust through a multi-sensory exhibition to learn stories of survivors as well as key events of the Holocaust through World War II artifacts with a trained educator.

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

High school and/or college students in Palm Beach County will be served by this project. Approximately 10,000 students from 15 public high schools and/or colleges in Palm Beach County will have the opportunity to visit the traveling Holocaust classroom. The multi-sensory exhibit will reach approximately 1,300 students in Palm Beach County per week during its 7.5 week tour.

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 is that students will have increased empathy and will gain awareness of hatred and the harm it can cause. Attendees of the exhibit will be encouraged to complete an online survey to help measure the effectiveness of this program. Questions will gauge Holocaust knowledge levels before and after participation, the emotional impact of the exhibit on their level of empathy, and if the experience has influenced their willingness to stand up when others are mistreated or harmed. Surveys will be administered and tabulated to measure the benefits of this unique educational experience. Reports by participating teachers will also be reviewed to maximize program success.

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 in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables without notification of good reasoning will result in financial penalties as described in contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:



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b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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