



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1828

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project will fund the construction of a child care facility to serve 48 low income children ages 0-3. Childcare for this age group is scarce and a major need in our country especially for the underprivileged population. In addition to the lack of access there are other obstacles for accessibility which are the excessive cost for services and the quality of the services provided. Early stimulation and intervention are keys to a child's success.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	30%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	750,000	30%
Other	1,000,000	40%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

11/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2026

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

Miami Dade Early Head Start Grant which is allocated by the federal government through ACCF-Administration for Children & Families

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.

Centro Mater Child Care Services. Inc. The facility us owned by the program and will be operated by it as well.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
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	New childcare facility to serve 48 low-income children ages 0-3. This includes demolition, plans, and construction.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

New child care facility to serve 48 low income children ages 0-3. Childcare for this age group is scarce and a major need in our country especially for the underprivileged population. The area where Centro Mater is located is composed principally of low income individuals and families. In addition to the lack of access there are other obstacles for accessibility which are the excessive cost for services and the quality of the services provided. Early stimulation and intervention are keys to a child's success.

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



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Free childcare for low income families with children ages 0-3. Developmentally appropriate curriculum, nutritional services, health screenings, parental involvement, mental health as well as enhancement activities to support the child's growth and development.

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

Free childcare 7 am - 6 pm
3 Free Nutritionally balanced meals Free Mental Health Services
Developmental Screenings
Parent Trainings
Donations

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

Disadvantaged families living in the City of Miami with children between the ages of 0-3.

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

Children will be ready to enter Pre-School. Following is a list of outcomes and how the program measures them:
Outcome 1. Children will engage in positive interactions, initiate behaviors and demonstrate awareness of others' emotions conducive to healthy emotional development.
Measure: Behavior screenings are conducted 3 times a year. Evaluation and referral provided by Mental Health Specialist on site.
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Outcome 2. Children will coordinate movements and actions with purpose and use eye hand coordination to manipulate.
Measure: Regular screenings related to children's development. Screening and classroom observations are conducted by classroom teachers as well as health coordinator and other experts as needed. Ages and Stages Assessment tool will be administered regularly within the first 36 months.
Outcome 3. BY the age of 3 children will be able to respond to conversations, self-monitor behavior and recognize letters.
Measure: Regular screenings related to child's development

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?

Return of funds to the state

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



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

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.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Max Steven Losner"/>
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