



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3225

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Pinellas County Urban League (PCUL) is requesting a one-time investment from the State of Florida to develop a state-of-the-art Community Resiliency and Recovery Hub and headquarters. This facility will serve as a catalyst for economic mobility by providing educational enhancement, entrepreneurship support, and workforce training. The commercial space will feature a digital tech theater, an innovation center, and collaborative workspaces. Additionally, micro-retail and Class A office rental space will contribute to the revitalization of the Historic Deuces Corridor, fostering business growth and community development.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,000,000

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)	3,000,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,000,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,000,000	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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance of the project will be supported by a combination of reserve funds and funding allocated through this appropriation. The reserve funds will ensure initial stability, while the appropriated funds will provide continued financial support to maintain and operate the new facility, ensuring the long-term success 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.

The facility will be solely owned by the Pinellas County Urban League (PCUL). PCUL is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals and families in the community through various programs. As the sole owner, PCUL will directly manage the facility and oversee its operations, ensuring it aligns with the organization's mission and goals.

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	Operational cost improvement funds will upgrade our CRM software, Salesforce. This will enhance client experience, streamline intake, improve program delivery in the state of the art digital tech theater and innovation lab and create performance dashboards. It will also boost fundraising through targeted marketing campaigns.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	The funds will be used to develop a new 3 level facility, covering pre-development and construction costs. Specific tasks include building schematics and design, detailed design (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, AC, etc.), detailed construction documents, permitting, material acquisition, and construction.	2,500,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	3,000,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to develop a new mixed-use building in St. Petersburg's Deuces Neighborhood, which will become the new home for the Pinellas County Urban League (PCUL). This development will feature over 5,500 square feet of ground-level commercial spaces and community amenities, 24 workforce/affordable housing units, an EOC, a digital tech center, communal exterior green spaces, and the core programs of the PCCUL including education, job training, housing, and health services.

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

The mission of PCUL is to enable and empower African Americans and others who are under-served in our communities to achieve their highest human potential and secure economic self-reliance, parity, power, and civil rights. Our programs and services include education & community leadership, job training, placement & entrepreneurship, housing & community development and health & quality of life.

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

Our programs and services are designed to meet educational needs, support community succession planning, and increase family income. We focus on building generational wealth and providing safe, affordable spaces to live, work, and play. Additionally, we aim to enhance all aspects of health—financial, physical, and mental—ensuring a holistic approach to community well-being.

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

The target population for this project includes elderly persons, individuals with poor mental or physical health, jobless and economically disadvantaged individuals, at-risk youth, homeless persons, grade school, high school, and university/college students, as well as currently or formerly incarcerated individuals. It is expected that over 800 individuals will be served, benefiting from the programs and services offered at the new facility.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to improve economic stability, educational outcomes, and overall well-being for underserved populations. Key outcomes include increased employment, reduced recidivism, improved health, and enhanced community engagement. The methodology for measuring success will involve tracking participant enrollment, program completion rates, post-program employment, recidivism rates, and health improvements through surveys and data analysis.

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?

In addition to standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures, the contracting agency may consider imposing financial penalties proportional to the level of non-compliance, requiring a detailed corrective action plan with clear timelines for addressing deficiencies, withholding progress payments until performance standards are met, and potentially reducing or reallocating funding to other projects. Repeated or significant non-compliance may also result in contract termination or suspension.

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

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):



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Hurricanes Helene and Milton

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#:

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)



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☐ 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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.