



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1008

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Before & After air-conditioning pilot program will install energy-efficient air-conditioning systems in select Florida Department of Corrections facilities including the Everglades and Homestead correctional institutions. The project addresses the need for climate control in the sleeping dorm areas including the two-man cells. This initiative serves as a model for modernizing Florida correctional infrastructure while promoting energy efficiency, reducing heat related health risks, and supporting humane living and working environments.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	60,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	390,000
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	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 2026-2027	450,000	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		
2025-26		300,000	661	Yes

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?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/01/2027

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

Funding from the Before & After Pilot Program Corp will be used.

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.

Department of Corrections

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The executive directors will oversee all planning, coordination, and implementation of the air-conditioning pilot program at the Everglades and Homestead correctional institutions. This includes managing budget, supervising contractors, ensuring compliance with Florida Dept. of Corrections safety and facilities standards, and providing regular progress.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Time spent by staff coordinating equipment orders, schedule and installation, and tracking inventory. Traveling to sites.	10,000
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	Covers tools and equipment for installation and monitoring, consumable supplies and miscellaneous items needed to support the project.	390,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Before and After A/C Pilot corporation is requesting \$450,000 to launch an air-conditioning pilot program at two Florida correctional facilities: Everglades Correctional Institution and Homestead Correctional Institution. This program will install energy efficient air-conditioning systems in dormitory and two- man housing areas that currently lack cooling. The goal is to reduce extreme heat exposure, improve living and working conditions, and create a safe environment.



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

Funds will support the installation of energy efficient air conditioning systems at selected correctional facilities, including site assessments, wall fabrication, and electrical preparation. Services include contracting license HVAC professionals, purchasing and installing mini split units, and monitoring temperature and energy performance. Additional activities include training staff and volunteers on equipment maintenance, data collection for program evaluation, and reporting outcomes to demonstrate improved health, comfort, and operational efficiency.

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

The project will provide safer, healthier, and more humane living and working environments within Florida correctional institutions. By installing air-conditioning systems, the program directly improves physical and mental well-being for incarcerated individuals and staff, reducing heat related illnesses and stress. The project also benefits the public by supporting a more stable, efficient correctional system and promoting community health, rehabilitation, and workforce sustainability.

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

The project serves incarcerated individuals and correctional staff at Everglades, Homestead, and Miami Correctional Institutions. These facilities house approximately 4,500 inmates and employ around 900 staff members. The program will directly benefit both groups by improving environmental conditions, health, and safety within the facilities. The program also indirectly benefits families and communities through enhanced wellbeing and reduce strain on medical and correctional resources.

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

The project will improve physical and mental health by reducing extreme heat exposure for inmates and staff. This results in fewer heat-related illnesses, better sleep, and enhanced morale. The project will also improve facility efficiency and safety. Outcomes will be measured through (1) temperature and humidity monitoring, (2) health and incident reports, (3) staff and inmate surveys, and (4) energy usage data comparing pre-and-post-installation conditions to evaluate program success and scalability.

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?

There shall be no penalty or damages assessed for failure to perform if delays or shortfalls result from causes outside the contractor's control, including but not limited to:
Restricted access to facilities
Delays and state approval or inspection
Supply chain shortages

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



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- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College



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☐ 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.