



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1052

1. Project Title Jewish Family Services (JFS) Keep Families Working Summer and School Break Camp Scholarship Program

2. Senate Sponsor Tina Polsky

3. Date of Request 10/22/2025

4. Project/Program Description

The JFS Keep Families Working Summer Camp Scholarship Program ensures that children from lower-income (under 200% FPL and ALICE level) families in Palm Beach County have access to safe, enriching experiences during summer and school breaks while providing essential childcare support for working parents.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	67%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	750,000	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		
2025-26	0	250,000	305A	No

9. Is future-year 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.

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)?

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Summer Camp or School Break Financial Assistance/Scholarships	250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will provide scholarships for summer camp or school break camps for children from lower-income (under 200% FPL) ensuring access to safe, enriching activities that support child development and enable parents to maintain employment.

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

The program will fund camp scholarships that subsidize the cost of attendance, allowing children to participate in academic, social, and recreational activities, including specialized camps for children with disabilities and critical needs.

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



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The project will provide financial assistance in the form of camp scholarships, allowing children to attend local, specialized, and disability-inclusive camps while supporting parents by providing reliable summer childcare. All clients who receive scholarships will be connected with the wide array of wrap around services at JFS, such as behavioral health, food pantry, and our pediatric therapy clinic, all offered on an affordable sliding scale for those who qualify.

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

The target population includes children from lower-income families in south Palm Beach County. Approximately 250 children from 167 families are expected to be served.

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 benefit families by reducing financial strain, supporting child development, and enabling parents to maintain employment. Outcomes will be measured through the number of scholarships awarded.

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?

Penalties for not meeting contracted deliverables may warrant decreased funding.

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#:

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



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☐ 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

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.