



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1055

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Adults living with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) lack the vocational skills needed to succeed in today's workforce. Nationwide, the unemployment rate for adults living with serious mental illness averages 85-90%. Skills training and job placement are the key components to helping adults living with mental illness to reintegrate into society and become economically self-sufficient. Foot Print to Success, based in Broward County, is an accredited program of Clubhouse International and partners with local businesses to offer adults with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) the opportunity to reenter the workforce, engage in competitive employment and become productive, tax-paying citizens. A new 12-week culinary program will offer hands-on culinary instruction, ServSafe certification, café and barista experience, virtual and Saturday classes, transportation, and employer outreach building job skills, confidence and independence for participants to enter the workforce.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	75,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	225,000	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)?

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	Hands on teaching chef, outreach worker, and employment specialist.	115,314
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Point of Service Equipment, Transportation.	26,046
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant teaching chef.	8,640
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

13. Program Performance

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

Foot Print to Success recently opened a teaching culinary kitchen to train adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) for jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industries. State funding will support 4 cohorts of a 12-week program, reaching up to 100 adults, offering culinary, management, and barista training with virtual and Saturday classes increasing accessibility for members. This training builds skills and confidence for independence and long-term employment.



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

State funds will support vocational and culinary training, job readiness, and supported employment for adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). Activities include hands-on culinary instruction, networking, internships, mentorships, job coaching, job placement, virtual and Saturday classes, and employer outreach for successful workforce integration.

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

The funding will provide adults with SPMI hands-on culinary and vocational training, ServSafe certification, job readiness instruction, and supported employment. Services include interview coaching, skill building, workshops, transportation to worksites, café and barista experience, and employer outreach to place members in jobs and ensure on-the-job success.

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

200 adult citizens identified as chronically unemployed, economically-disadvantaged and diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses living in Broward County.

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 equip adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) with vocational, culinary, and job readiness skills, leading to stable employment, increased economic self-sufficiency, and reintegration into the workforce and community. Participants will gain confidence, independence, and improved mental health through meaningful work and supportive peer and staff engagement. Outcomes will be measured by completion of the 12-week training program, acquisition of industry certifications such as ServSafe, placement in transitional or supported employment, job retention, and ongoing employment stability. Additional metrics include participant wages earned and engagement with employer partners.

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?

Funds for deliverables not met will be returned 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

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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