



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1097

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Marian Center School & Services, a 501c3, has served individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities (IDD) for 60+ years. Located in the 9th poorest Zip Code in Miami Dade (33054), The Adult Day Training Program delivers comprehensive educational, vocational, therapeutic & wellness programming for approximately 100 adults, ages 21+ with mild to moderate developmental disabilities. Funds aid activities supporting emotional regulation, vocational readiness, & lifelong wellness for individuals with IDD. The project aligns with state & local health priorities identified by the FL Department of Health & MDC Community Health Needs Assessment by addressing barriers to care, promoting behavioral health, advancing lifestyle & wellness, & improving social determinants of health for a medically and economically under served population. This investment also enables caregivers to remain active in employment while their loved ones are safe.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	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	Salary, wages, and benefits for direct program staff providing high quality (1:5 or 1:10 staff to participant ratio) recreational, social and occupational services and structures activities.	238,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Workshops & supplies, field trips, transportation and meals.	61,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funds are requested to ensure that MCSS' Adult Day Training Program (ADT) provides comprehensive services to approximately 100 low-to-moderate-income participants with intellectual & development disabilities (IDD). Each activity is designed to build independence, self-confidence, & lifelong wellness. Program enhancements include adaptive music therapy, sensory environments & culinary skills training that all promote self expression, emotional regulation & independent living skills. By investing in the ADT Program, the State of Florida will help ensure that up to 100 adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities receive consistent, high-quality services that foster independence, health, & dignity while strengthening family stability, workforce participation, & community resilience.

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

The Adult Day Training (ADT) Program operates year-round, Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 2:30pm, providing structured, evidence-based learning experiences that build independence and community integration. During this time participants engage in a holistic schedule of academic enrichment, adaptive vocational instruction, therapeutic recreation, and social-skills development. Each day combines structured learning with individualized support, adapting to each participant's cognitive and physical ability, to reinforce self-reliance, communication and emotional regulation. All activities are delivered within a 1:5 or 1:10 staff-to-participant ratio. These comprehensive services ensure continuity of care, address barriers to access and reduce caregivers stress by providing safe, reliable daytime support for working families.

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

The Adult Day Training (ADT) Program delivers a full continuum of educational, vocational, therapeutic & wellness support for adults with intellectual & developmental disabilities. This person-centered curriculum empowers participants to build independence, self-advocacy, & community belonging while developing vital life skills. Hands-on activities, such as packaging, sorting, & culinary instruction, provide meaningful vocational experience, while daily fitness, yoga, swimming, & recreation strengthen both body & mind. Art & music therapy nurture emotional well-being, complemented by community engagement through volunteer projects, art exhibitions & the Special Olympics. Each participant receives a hot, nutritious lunch, along with weekly equine therapy. All services build confidence, stability, & lifelong wellness, empowering adults with IDD to thrive while giving families relief & strengthening the community's circle of care.

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

Expected benefits include measurable improvements in behavioral and emotional health, greater vocational readiness, enhanced independence, and stronger caregiver stability. MCSS will track the following outcomes annually: = 90 % participant retention reflecting consistent attendance & engagement; = 90 % of families affirming that the program fosters independence & self-discipline; = 90 % of families affirming that the program supports participants' social & emotional growth; maintenance of = 90 % State of Florida compliance rating for program operations & participant safety. Program outcomes are measured through annual family surveys, state assessments, and internal progress tracking tools. By investing in TMC's ADT Program, the State not only provides health and safety services for the participant but also addresses workforce and economic stability strategy for Florida.

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

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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?

Marian Center School & Services' Adult Day Training Program earned a 92.7% compliance rating from the State of Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities in 2025, demonstrating strong operational integrity and accountability. The program has a long-standing record of meeting or exceeding all contract performance measures. In the unlikely event that deliverables are not met, MCSS recommends a structured Corrective Action Plan (CAP) developed in partnership with the contracting agency. The CAP would include measurable benchmarks and timelines to ensure compliance prior to the release of any future funds.



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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
- ☐ 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



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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.