



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1174

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The proposed community center would provide people with developmental disabilities a safe, accessible facility designed to promote independence, social inclusion, and skill development. It offers adaptive recreational programs, vocational training, health and wellness services, cultural activities, and a hurricane shelter. The center fosters community engagement, supports physical and mental health, and provides resources tailored to individual needs.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	25%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,500,000	75%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	6,000,000	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.

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?

12/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

05/01/2025

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

Through grants, donations, fundraising events, earned income (fees, rentals), endowment earnings, and government contracts.

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.

Community Haven for Adults and Children with Disabilities.

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Capital funds for new construction will cover site preparation, building construction (foundation, framing, roofing), installation of electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and fire safety systems, interior finishes, equipment and furnishings, permits and professional fees, landscaping, parking, and signage.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

A community center on The Haven's 32-acre campus would provide hundreds of people with developmental disabilities a hub that supports the social, educational, recreational, and personal development needs of its participants. Its role is both practical and empowering—designed to help individuals live safe, fuller, more connected, and more independent lives.

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



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Activities and services provided include: Social Inclusion and Connection; Development of Practical and Vocational Skills; Improvement of Health and Well-Being; Empowerment and Advocacy; Family and Caregiver Support; Community Integration; Serve as a Special Needs Hurricane Shelter; A Theater for Creative Expression and Performance.

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

Direct services include life skills training, job readiness & vocational support, social & communication development, recreational & creative programs, educational & cognitive support, mental health & emotional wellness, health & nutrition education, self-advocacy & rights education, family & caregiver resource education, fine arts programs, emergency shelter.

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

Developmentally disabled, Elderly persons, Persons with poor mental health, Persons with poor physical health, Jobless persons, Economically disadvantaged persons, Physically disabled, Preschool students, Grade school students, High school students. Greater than 800 persons are expected to be impacted by services.

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

Benefits include enhancing skill development and independence, improving mental and emotional well-being, providing access to tailored resources and support, and offering relief and assistance to families and caregivers. Additionally, incorporating facilities such as a hurricane shelter ensures a safe, accessible space during emergencies, addressing a critical need for safety and security within this vulnerable population. Offering performing arts programs further enriches the centers impact by promoting creativity, self-expression, and confidence, while also providing enjoyable social and therapeutic activities. Methodology to measure outcomes would include use pre- and post-assessments, surveys, interviews, and attendance tracking to evaluate skill development, well-being, and satisfaction.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in a return of funding 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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