



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1217

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds being requested will replace the existing roof infrastructure at the Center for Excellence in Early Education's (CFE) Demonstration School and the Children's Advocacy Building which houses instrumental community-based organizations. This complex is critical to maintaining continuing children and family services throughout the county and continuing early learning research throughout the State of Florida.

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	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,000,000	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		
2025-26	0	750,000	114	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?

08/04/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

United Way Miami operating funds.

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.

United Way Miami owns both buildings. The Board of Directors of United Way Miami is chaired by Frank Gonzalez, as of July 2024. There are 53 board members that govern the organization.

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	Removing exhibiting and installing 33,638 sq ft. of tapered insulation roofing system for the Center for Excellence in Early Education and Children's Advocacy Building. All labor, materials, equipment, insurances, permits and engineering.	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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

Funding for the Children's Complex roofing will ensure the continuity of service of the Center for Excellence in Early Education's Demonstration School, 21 Early Head Start sites, academic research and the Children's Trust operations.

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



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Two roofs will be removed and replaced with tapered insulation roofing systems, totaling 33,638 sq ft with a life expectancy of 20-25 years . Services will include all labor, materials, equipment, insurance, permits and engineering required.

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

No direct services will be provided to citizens.

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

Nearly half a million Miami-Dade households are either in or one emergency away from falling into poverty. United Way Miami supports Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed families through an extensive range of programs addressing immediate needs and providing resources for long-term financial resilience. We invest in nearly 100 community programs and support 17 additional initiatives and direct services, all centered around the proven pillars of success: health & wellbeing, education and economic mobility.

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

In the unprecedented heavy rain periods in south Florida in 2023 and 2024, various leakages have taken place, affecting operations. The Miami-Dade County Head Start program has provided written warnings on the state of the roof for the CFE. Since our early education work began, we have served over 36,000 children and provided over 34,000 early care professionals with professional learning opportunities . With new roofs, we will continue to educate and prepare our future workforce and provide opportunities to alleviate the teacher shortage in Florida.

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?

Funding will be returned to the state for any specific deliverables or performance measures that fail to occur during the budget period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

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:



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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

a. Name

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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