



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1373

1. Project Title The Arc Marion - Empowering Every Ability: Sustaining Services at The Arc Marion

2. Senate Sponsor Stan McClain

3. Date of Request 11/25/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Since 1959, The Arc of Marion has empowered adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live, work and play to their fullest in Marion County. Through comprehensive services including Adult Day Training (with life-skill classes like cooking, exercise, computer use, hygiene, community outings and productive day activities), residential habitation and group homes, supported independent living, and transportation, we tailor support to each person's unique talents, goals and needs. Our programs remove barriers to productive community engagement, foster independence, promote social inclusion and enable participants to contribute in ways that reflect their abilities, not their limitations.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

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)	800,000	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	800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? No

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	Salaries for twenty-five Direct Support Professionals.	672,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, equipment and vehicle expenses.	128,000
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)		800,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will enable The Arc Marion to sustain and expand essential operational services, including adult day training, supported independent living, group home care and transportation, for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Marion County, empowering them to increase independence, engage meaningfully in the community and live with dignity.

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



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The funds will enable us to deliver robust life skills development programs through our Adult Day Training (ADT) and Residential living services. Clients will engage in hands on training in areas such as cooking, personal hygiene, philanthropy/social engagement, computer skills, arts & crafts, and recreation/community outings. These interactive sessions are designed to build confidence, enhance and promote independence, organized by The Arc Marion staff and tailored to each person's interests.

In addition to in facility training, the requested funds will specifically support frequent community based outings where participants practice their skills in real world settings. These outings will include trips for shopping, dining, library visits, volunteering, attending local events and other social activities that allow clients to interact with the broader community. Transportation, supervision, activity fees and accommodations will be covered so that no one is excluded.

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

The appropriation will allow us to provide direct, individualized services to each person we support, adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, based entirely on their personal interests, goals and support needs. These tailored activities generate significant benefits for the individuals and the community: participants build confidence, self esteem and practical skills; they expand their social networks and engage more fully in Marion County; they move toward greater independence in their daily lives (reducing caregiver burden and increasing quality of life); and the community gains when people with disabilities are actively living, working and contributing rather than being isolated. By meeting individuals where they are and helping them grow in personally meaningful ways, the funds will translate into real progress in inclusion, self determination and dignity.

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

The project serves adults in Marion County who have intellectual and developmental disabilities. These individuals may live in group homes, receive community based supports, participate in adult day training, and engage in life skills and community integration activities.

Number Expected to Be Served: The Arc Marion currently serves approximately 110 individuals in its day programs with an expected growth to 180 daily and 20 residential clients with an expected capacity of 30.

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 enable adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Marion County to increase their independence, enhance their quality of life, and become more engaged in the community. Specifically, participants will gain practical life skills (such as cooking, shopping, hygiene, computer use), participate in community outings, build social connections, and move toward greater self determination and inclusion. In turn, this contributes to a stronger, more inclusive community where more citizens are active, contributing members rather than isolated.

We will measure outcomes using a combination of quantitative and qualitative indicators through baseline and follow up assessments, tracking participation metrics, improvement metrics, surveys/interviews and regular reporting and audits.

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?

Withhold or reduce payments until the contractor demonstrates compliance. Require a formal corrective action or performance improvement plan, including more frequent reports and monitoring. Reduce the scope of work or contract value to reflect under-performance. Impose liquidated damages or fixed daily/weekly penalties for delays or missed targets, up to a cap. Suspend services or funding until performance improves.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

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):



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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

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

☐ For Profit Entity

☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)



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- ☐ 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.