



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1479

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program will support DSR Public Health Foundation in expanding it's reach, effectiveness, and efficiency of efforts to increase the awareness, access, and increase utilization of critical resources that support positive health outcomes and wellbeing in rural communities in Madison County and the Big Bend Region. Funds will be used to enhance our existing multi-sector network of partners implementing evidence-based efforts to address persistent social and economic factors contributing to poor health outcomes in rural communities.

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	485,750
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	485,750

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)	485,750	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	485,750	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?

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.

N/A

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Shamarial Roberson, DrPH, MPH, CCHW will provide oversight for the implementation, operation, and reporting of state received funds.	7,750
Other Salary and Benefits	Staff salary and associated fringe benefits to support contract management and invoicing and reporting.	16,250
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Staff salary and associated fringe benefits to support program planning and implementation and invoicing and reporting.	48,862
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses include laptops, tablets, and software for learning; commercial vehicles for transporting youth and families to and from community resource center and/or distributing resources across the region, travel for staff to rural sites; books, workbooks, and school supplies; costs for workshops; and facility expenses.	193,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will support data tracking systems and contracted services for evaluation, marketing and outreach to engage and increase awareness of the program, and strengthen multi-sector partnerships, identify individual and community needs, and increase connection to resources, .	219,888
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		485,750

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds will leverage a multi-sector network of partners to address and sustain evidence-based efforts to address persistent social and economic factors contributing to poor health outcomes in rural communities. Community Health Workers and other professionals will work with individuals and families to increase awareness, access, and increase utilization of critical resources that support positive health outcomes and wellbeing using a data-driven approach.

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

DSR will implement a multi-sector partnership network to coordinate services, reduce duplication, and address community needs. Community Health Workers and program staff will facilitate outreach, conduct screenings, make referrals, and connect individuals and families to critical health and social resources that support improved outcomes in rural communities.

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

DSR will work collaboratively with partners to increase availability of services, including but not limited to, health and nutrition education, tutoring, and screenings, and develop regularly updated resource repositories for organizations serving rural Big Bend counties. CHWs and other professionals will connect individuals and families to resources needed to improve health and wellbeing.

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

Elderly persons; Persons with poor mental health; Persons with poor physical health; Jobless persons; Economically disadvantaged persons; At-risk youth; Homeless; Developmentally disabled; Physically disabled; Preschool students; Grade school students; High school students; University/College students; Currently or formerly incarcerated persons

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

Improved physical health measured by the number of youth and adults receiving health and nutrition education and/or showing improvement in health behaviors.
Improved mental health measured by the number of youth, caregivers, and community members completing screenings and receiving referrals.
Improved quality of education measured by the percent change of student reading and math scores.
Improved economic activity measured by the number of participants completing college/career readiness workshops.

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?

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures may include: withholding a percentage of funding until all required deliverables are completed, requiring corrective action plans to address performance issues and ensure alignment with contract expectations. Financial penalties proportional to unmet deliverables or delays could also be imposed to encourage timely and accurate completion of tasks, and in cases of significant non-compliance, contract termination.

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



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- ☐ 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)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College



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☐ 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.