



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1619

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

IMPACT is seeking funds to acquire and renovate a 31,000 sq ft campus addition located directly next to our current campus footprint. Acquisition of this building will significantly enhance our ability to deliver high-quality special needs education, therapy services, workforce development, and inclusive community programming in one centralized, secure campus location. IMPACT Academy will increase enrollment from the current 25/26 school year enrollment of 67 to 115-120 students, providing more children with access to individualized education in a supportive environment. The expansion will also reduce therapeutic wait times for hundreds of families currently seeking occupational, physical, speech, ABA, and music therapy. This investment will create a sustainable, long-term resource for children and young adults with developmental and learning differences within the 13 counties we serve.

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 | 950,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 950,000 |

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) | 950,000 | 61% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 600,000 | 39% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 | 1,550,000 | 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 | | 600,000 | 370A | |

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

08/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2027

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

Additional funding will be provided through private donations & community stakeholders donating to our capital campaign and participating in our fundraising events. This support from our community allows us to provide the funding listed in the "other" funds section of question 7.

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.

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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 | These funds, paired with our private match, and commitments will be used to acquire an additional 31,000 sq ft structure to complete our campus. This expansion will significantly increase our capacity to deliver special needs education, therapy, workforce development, and inclusive community programming within a centralized, secure campus environment. | 950,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 950,000 |

13. Program Performance

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



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

With this funding, we will acquire the physical space needed to offer physical, occupational, speech, and applied behavior analysis therapy services to even more families, while increasing our Academy enrollment from the current 25/26 school year enrollment of 67 to 115-120 students. This investment will allow IMPACT to create a fully integrated "Town Center" featuring on-site retail storefronts providing training and workforce opportunities for young adults with special needs. Through partnerships with local businesses and community organizations, this space will provide meaningful, hands-on learning that promotes independence, self-confidence, and social growth. Ultimately, this expansion will position IMPACT Tallahassee as a national model for inclusive and experiential learning.

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

An increase in educational opportunities with the addition of classrooms and additional space that will provide enhanced experiential learning environments for our students. Our individualized physical, occupational, speech and applied behavior analysis therapy services will be expanded with this funding to provide the best possible outcomes for each family. Funding will also allow expansion to our after-school programs as well providing more summer camp opportunities for our growing community.

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

Developmentally and physically disabled youth from the ages of 6 weeks to 22 years of age. Persons with poor mental and physical health including preschool, grade, and high school students. IMPACT also serves young adults who are post high-school in our transition program up to 22 years of age. IMPACT will have provided more than 50,000 total hours of therapies to 550+ families in 2025 alone. The demand for our services continues to increase each year.

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

IMPACT will be able to serve a broader population of families improving their physical & mental health, instill career readiness for students after graduation, and provide meaningful career opportunities, as we hire more staff to work with additional children & young adults. This space also includes dedicated spaces for mentorship, counseling, and daily life skills training to support young adults as they transition into adulthood. The methodology to measure these benefits includes baseline standard periodic testing, school & therapeutic assessment tracking, workforce training assessment tool, career placement following graduation, and tracking of independent living skills.

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?

Unused funds would be returned 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):



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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)

☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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☐ 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.