



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1754

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project seeks funding to construct a weather-protected, multi-purpose outdoor area for low-income seniors participating in the city's hot meals program. The purpose is to expand safe, accessible space for physical activities, social engagement, and health education while reducing overcrowding during meal service. Seniors in this program often face mobility challenges, chronic health conditions, and social isolation. By creating an inclusive outdoor environment, we will provide year-round opportunities for wellness and community connection.

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	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	200,000	20%
Local	200,000	20%
Other	0	0%
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		

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.

The City of West Miami will seek funding from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection funding programs, such as FRDAP, RTP and LWCF. The city will seek additional funds to further enhance this location to create a more diverse space for all community members.



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2029

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

The program will sustain itself through a combination of revenue-generating activities and expanded programming. The new multi-purpose outdoor space will be available for rental to community groups and organizations, creating a steady income stream to cover maintenance and operational costs.

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.

The Senior Activity Center is owned, operated and maintained by the City of West Miami.

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	Construction of the outdoor weather-protected space for outdoor activities, increased access with room expansion for educational workshops.	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The area will host low-impact exercise classes such as chair yoga, stretching, and walking groups to improve mobility and balance. It will provide space for wellness programs, including nutrition education, workshops, and mental health support sessions. This space will provide a safe, comfortable environment for physical activities and social interaction, while addressing overcrowding during meals.

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

Physical wellness activities; such as chair yoga, stretching, and walking groups to improve strength, and mobility for those able. Health and nutrition education workshops on chronic disease management, and fall prevention to support long-term wellness. Social engagement group activities including arts and crafts, gardening, and cultural events. Mental health support for well-being. Expanded meal service.

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

Direct services include access to hot meals for the low-income seniors of the community who are congregate and homebound participants. Organized recreational events, and wellness activities will be held to promote physical health, social connection, and active aging.

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

This project is primarily for the senior population of Miami-Dade county who reside in or near West Miami. The outdoor facilities will be used by the community at large and benefit young and old.

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 ensure seniors have hot-meals, improve senior health, reduce isolation, and increase participation in physical activity. Outcomes will be measured through program enrollment, usage rates, participant feedback, and health improvement surveys.

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?

A reasonable penalty is the withholding of funds if we fail to meet deliverables or performance measures are not met.

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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