



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1755

1. Project Title Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs - Opioid Awareness and Prevention Program

2. Senate Sponsor Jason Brodeur

3. Date of Request 12/1/2025

4. Project/Program Description

Opioid Awareness and Prevention Program is a proactive, statewide effort to protect Florida's youth and families from the devastating impact of substance misuse especially prescription opioid abuse. Through targeted education, community engagement, and prevention programming, the project equips young people and their caregivers with the knowledge, tools, and support systems needed to recognize risks, make informed choices, and build resilience. By expanding access to evidence-based and evidence-informed resources and deepening public understanding of the opioid crisis, this initiative strengthens Florida's communities, reduces future harm, and lays the groundwork for a healthier, more informed generation.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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	2,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	4,000,000	377	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 2,500,000

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

N/A



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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	The Florida Boys & Girls Clubs organizations operating 347 sites statewide, funding will sustain and expand opioid awareness programming by covering essential operational costs. This includes support for trained staff, development of prevention-focused educational materials, staff training on substance misuse, transportation for youth engagement activities, and outreach efforts to ensure families and communities are informed and empowered to prevent opioid misuse.	2,400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The project will cover the costs of Multi-tiered dissemination and marketing tailored to key stakeholders, including youth participants, families, educators, policymakers, and community partners.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This project will also pay for professional development and training for Florida Alliance staff and selected Club staff members; Return on Investment (ROI) study addressing the economic and human costs of opioid misuse through targeted prevention and awareness strategies.	70,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This project aims to empower Florida's youth and families with the knowledge and tools to prevent substance misuse, focusing especially on the dangers of prescription opioid abuse. By deepening understanding of the opioid overdose crisis and expanding statewide prevention efforts, the initiative will build awareness, reduce risk, and strengthen community resilience against addiction.

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

Clubs will provide programming to raise awareness of substance abuse and misuse with an emphasis on opioids. Programming will be provided weekly to the selected youth with pre- and post-test data to measure student progress. In addition, each Boys & Girls Club will provide a menu of prevention strategies for staff, youth, and families on the Organization's website.

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

Boys & Girls Clubs across Florida will provide hands-on services to help youth and families understand the risks of opioid misuse and how to stay safe. Clubs will lead group sessions that teach kids what opioids are, why they're dangerous, and how to make smart choices. Youth will learn how to handle stress, avoid peer pressure, and talk to trusted adults when they need help.

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

The target population for the Opioid Awareness is 4,000 students in kindergarten through 12th grade attending the Boys & Girls Clubs. Community outreach and dissemination and marketing quarterly

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

This initiative lays the foundation for a healthier, more informed generation of Floridians by intervening early and equipping youth with real-world knowledge to prevent substance misuse. Through weekly programming and community engagement, Florida Boys & Girls Clubs are helping to break the cycle of addiction and build safer, more resilient communities. The program increases awareness of opioid risks among youth and families, strengthens decision-making and refusal skills in high-risk situations, and reinforces protective factors like stress management, and peer resistance. The progress is measured through evaluation, program attendance and dissemination and marketing outreach through participation.

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 complete Corrective Action Plan set by the Department of Education, and a reduction of funds.

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?



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- ☐ 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)

☐ Local Entity



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☐ 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.