



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1995

1. Project Title Alzheimer's Community Care Critical Support Initiative and Facility Repairs and Renovations

2. Senate Sponsor Gayle Harrell

3. Date of Request 11/24/2025

4. Project/Program Description

\$1,500,000 requested funds will be dedicated to critical dementia-specific care delivered in Specialized Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Centers. \$500,000 will be dedicated to Repairs & Renovations for existing centers to keep loved ones in a safe therapeutic environment. Serving those with an average age of 80.5, 75% of whom are severely cognitively impaired. Nearly all participants are eligible for nursing home care but can remain in the community with their families. The average enrollment duration in these specialized centers exceeds participation in non-specialized centers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Elder Affairs

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	23%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	3,599,354	40%
Local	563,721	6%
Other	2,765,666	31%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	8,928,741	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		
2025-26	1,500,000	2,250,000	383	No

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

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000

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

Life impacting services would be critically diminished without 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?

10/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

07/01/2027

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

Alzheimer's Community Care will utilize reserve funds for the 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.

Alzheimer's Community Care partners with churches. Alzheimer's Community Care will sign long term lease agreements with church partners for Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Centers.

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	Reimbursement per unit rate of \$17.60 and will provide 85,227 patient hours of care.	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Repairs & Renovations for existing and new centers to keep loved ones in a safe therapeutic environment.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

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?

ACC's day care centers, licensed under the Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Act (FS 429.918), are held to a high standard of care, reflecting the statute's commitment to improving the well-being of Alzheimer's patients and individuals with related neurocognitive disorders. To meet this elevated standard, each patient receives an individualized care plan that is updated per Statute. Additionally, their cognitive function is assessed at least annually. The centers are required to provide therapeutic activities that make up at least 70% of their daily operations. These activities include physical, cognitive, and social exercises, in a spiritually and emotionally supportive environment, designed to engage and support the patients' overall well-being. Key regulatory requirements also include having a licensed nurse on-site for at least 75% of the day, ensuring a one-to-five staff-to-patient ratio, and requiring direct care staff to complete at least 8 hours of dementia-specific training.

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

At the Organization's Specialized Day Centers, patients and caregivers are paired with Family Navigators and Case Managers. These professionals help families navigate the often-fragmented healthcare system and create individualized care plans tailored to their unique needs, regardless of language, cultural background, or the stage of disorder. The Family Navigators advocate for essential medical evaluations and interventions to ensure safe medication management, reduce fall risks, prevent complications from preexisting conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, and avoid inappropriate Baker Act placements, among other concerns.

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

The target population served by ACC includes individuals over the age of 18 with a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and/or related disorder. Services are available to patients and their caregivers, regardless of culture, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, financial status, or sexual orientation. With the support of these funds, ACC aims to provide 85,227 hours of patient care, benefiting approximately 285 to 300 families. These services are designed to stabilize the progression of the disease, enabling patients to remain at home with their families and avoid institutionalization for a longer period. Many caregivers, particularly those who are adult children caring for one or both parents while managing their own work responsibilities, raising children, and often supporting college expenses. This highlights the importance of these services in helping caregivers balance their personal and caregiving responsibilities.

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

Alzheimer's caregivers are deeply committed to preserving the right to care for their loved ones throughout the course of the disease. The Organization's primary goals are to safeguard the well-being, safety, and security of these individuals while maintaining their dignity, integrity, and quality of life throughout the disease progression. Memory care units in long-term care and skilled nursing facilities can cost more than \$12,000 per month, with skilled nursing facilities reaching over \$100,000 per year per resident at Medicaid reimbursement rates. In contrast, the funding of \$1,500,000 for specialized therapeutic day center services for 260 patients offers a significantly more affordable solution. This amount is a fraction of the cost of residential care, which for 285 patients can conservatively exceed \$26 million.

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?

Each of ACC's Specialized Alzheimer Adult Day Centers operate under F.S. 429.918. If these standards are not met, the centers risk losing their licenses issued by the Florida Agency of Health Care Administration. Failure to meet clinical standards could result in the loss of accreditation from the Joint Commission. Additionally, if governance and financial management practices do not comply with required standards, the centers could lose their certification from Non-Profit First, a local organization that annually monitors and evaluates non-profit practices. This could also lead to a loss of funding from four local United Ways and the Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie County Commissioners. Such a loss of funding would further jeopardize financial support from the Palm Beach County/Treasure Coast Area Agency on Aging/ARC and the United Ways of Martin County.



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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#:

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



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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

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.