



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1405

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Secure safety of community disabilities provider founded in 1953. Capstone houses, educates, job trains, and cares for over 2500 adults and children with disabilities from 6 weeks of age, and their families, every year in underserved, low-income areas. With Escambia County 5th in Florida for violent crime and 1st for overdoses: In the last year alone, Capstone's facilities have been broken into three times causing damage to facilities, traumatized staff and clients, and stolen equipment and utilities. Security infrastructure including camera systems, glass breaks (alerts police upon sound of breaking glass), key-card access to doors and medication cabinets, emergency lock-down capabilities, a physical computer system capable of governing security system, and governing app.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future 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.**

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
  Design
  Construction

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?

12. 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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Installation of physical security equipment, cameras, video backup, glass-break detection, computers, automatic door locks, medication access protection, key cards, and active shooter lockdown system.	500,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Physical and virtual security measures including cameras will keep people with disabilities and staff safe from property and violent crime. These security measures also ensure proper care, protect from liability, reduce crime, and protect medications of children and adults with disabilities. Video back-up may be used for evidence in guardianship and other court proceedings. Security measures are vital due to high-crime neighborhoods, three break-ins in the last year, and frequent violent threats and actions from guardians reported for abuse or neglect. These measures will ultimately reduce abuse of those with disabilities, reduce crime, protect lives and property, and allow Capstone to focus on what they do best, improve the lives of those with disabilities and their families.

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

Camera system with long-term video backup, glass break detection, lockdown capabilities, automatically locking doors, easily revokable key-card access to facilities, doors, and medication, updated computers for governing and compatibility, compatible pre-constructed governing application, and increased security measures at facilities where children and adults with disabilities, and their families, live, work, receive education, after-school care, ADL assistance, job training, Adult Day Training, and therapy services.

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

Direct Services rendered by Capstone Adaptive Learning and Therapy Centers, Inc include Capstone Academy, a charter school for children with disabilities and learning differences; Capstone Academy Milton, Childcare and Therapy Center Milton, an after-school program for children, Adult Day Training, job and student skills training and placement, transportation to relevant programs via buses and vans, group homes constructed specifically for the housing needs of people with disabilities, child therapy centers, and a store front pet store where people with disabilities can work with support. Capstone is highly respected by the community and the longest serving disabilities provider in the tri-county area.

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

Persons with disabilities from age 6 weeks through adulthood and their families. 2000 < 2500 expected to be served per year.

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

Secure the safety of children and adults with disabilities in high-risk neighborhoods. Security infrastructure can reduce crime in the surrounding area by 30%-50%. Other expected results include: improve quality of life for persons with disabilities and their families, reduce abuse and neglect (disabilities increase risk of abuse by 4-10 times), increase employee retention and recruitment, secure physical safety of employees and clients, secure property and medications of those with disabilities, improve high-risk urban and rural areas via services, and increase employment and community development. As Capstone has had multiple break-ins at various locations over the past year, we expect an elimination or significant reduction in utilization of law-enforcement services, insurance claims, theft, and property damage.

**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 the contract?**

Contract cancelled. Funds reverted to the State of Florida.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**