



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1436

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Club Challenge is a unique program of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc, in Clay County Florida. The purpose of Club Challenge is to provide transitional support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently in limbo and suffering from a lack of supportive services. These adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are isolated from the community because they are: unfunded; on the waitlist for the iBudget waiver through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; employed individuals; senior citizens; and retirees. Club Challenge provides an essential service to the community by offering a program where Club members can gain and maintain meaningful life qualities such as employment training, advocacy training, social skills training, transportation training, financial literacy, and health and safety training, while giving back to the community through volunteerism and education.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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 2023-2024	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	200,000	243	No

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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Yes

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

In April 2020: Paycheck Protection Program \$1,125,000 to continue payroll and benefits. CARES Act-Clay County \$29,000 to purchase a large walk in cooler and freezer to store food for county distribution.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	This includes the Project Manager and 6% of the Vice President of Services including benefits required by law and eligible benefits under Challenge Enterprises policies.	75,068
Other Salary and Benefits	A portion of the financial and clerical personnel that attend to accounts payable, receivable, and payroll. The clerical that directly supports the project, membership.	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	The direct services staff wages and benefits for two full-time Activity Leaders and one full time Activity Assistant that have successfully been screened through the Florida Clearinghouse. All staff have completed and will update APD training requirements for their assigned duties. Club Challenge is person centered designed to coordinate activities of choice to achieve a Club Members personal goals.	132,932
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses will include utilities for the Club, equipment upgrades, additional technology and software for the visually and hearing impaired, educational and enrichment needs expendable supplies for the facility and business supplies for the operations.	27,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

14. Program Performance

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

Club Challenge supports individuals in the community who have unmet needs. Club Challenge is the bridge for unfunded individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that desire to participate fully in meaningful life activities that satisfy their personal goals, expand their interests, engage in volunteer service, learn about taking care of themselves and others, exploring the possibilities of work, and feel valued by their community.

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

The Club members and their families receive education, guidance, support, training, and peer mentor-ship. The Club members will have multiple opportunities to choose formal and informal activities that include: healthy living sessions, financial literacy, advocacy training and group meetings, recreational events, arts and culture programs, volunteer service at local nonprofits to gain job skills, preemployment training sessions, job searching and referral services to Vocational Rehabilitation for Job Placement and On-the-Job training, and transportation training to access local public transportation as well as alternatives. Members and staff decide on regular scheduled activities posted on a calendar and shared on the Club Challenge Facebook page for members to select activities and training sessions.

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

The trained Activity Leaders and Assistants will work directly with the adult's providing supervision, education, guidance, support, and training. The direct care staff will work directly with the adults to design personalized plans that will meet their personal goals and review quarterly. The staff will also introduce new activities to enrich the lives of the members. Staff will encourage Club members to participate in sessions that enhance and improve their hard skills and soft skills, to learn about money management, to participate in informal activities developing social skills, escorting the individuals (small groups) to nonprofits for volunteer service hours and job skill development while gaining stamina, transportation training to use the new limited commuter service, and learning to advocate for themselves. The services are available Monday through Friday and there are two evening events each month that include family members and friends.

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

The target population is unfunded adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the North Florida area of Clay and Duval County. Membership is expected to exceed forty enrolled members monthly with at least twenty-five members engaged in activities each month.

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

1. 100% of members who receive training about their rights and how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation. .
2. 85% of Club Challenge applicants who enroll in the Club Challenge Program shall complete a least (1) personal interest goal identified on their IIP.
3. 80% of program members with a recreational goal on their IIP shall engage in community recreational activities through participation in off-site recreational activities.
4. 75% of program members with an advocacy goal on their IIP shall attend Advocacy Group Activities.
5. 80% of program members with a social goal on their IIP shall demonstrate an increased awareness and knowledge of social skills and inclusion through participation in monthly friends and family events.
6. 85% of Club Challenge Program members with an employment goal on their IIP shall attend employment classes offered at the Club by Certified Employment Specialists

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?



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If Club Challenge falls below the minimum requirements as established in the APD Objectives and Anticipated Results, as the program enters the fourth quarter of this year, then a probationary period of six months will be established effective the first day of the new funding year. During this probationary period, Club Challenge must increase its results by 30% to continue the program. If 80% of deliverables are not met after the completion of the probationary period, then a per capital arrangement will be established between Challenge Enterprises and APD effective the first day of the third quarter funded year until the minimum percentage is achieved and reported to APD monitoring personnel.

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**

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**