



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1213

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Arc Gateway's Pearl Nelson Center provides therapy and early intervention services to children ages birth to 12 who have been identified as having significant developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities. This project would fund capital improvements to the facility where the majority of these services are provided. The building is aging and in disrepair. It requires a renovation project in order to continue to safely provide services to children and their families in our community. An investment in these children will see returns through the reduction or elimination of reliance on services and/or special education in the future.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>800,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>800,000</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.

- PPP 1st round used to cover wages = \$1,107,749 on 04/16/2020
  - PPP 2nd round used to cover wages = \$1,120,471 on 03/18/2021
  - HRSA Provider Relief Funds used to cover lost revenues and medical supplies related to the pandemic
- \$90,742.38 on 08/11/20  
 447,061.02 on 12/16/20  
 \$485,951.51 on 02/24/22

## 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    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

August 2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2024

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.

As a non-profit agency, we do not have owners. The Arc Gateway is governed by a Board of Directors who employs a Chief Executive Officer to manage the daily operations.

### 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	Architectural drawings, construction consultation, improvements to the building including windows, HVAC, paint, flooring, interior structural changes, plumbing upgrades, security and fire systems, bathroom upgrades, electrical upgrades, lighting, new roof, parking lot etc.	800,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>800,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The purpose of the funding is to complete capital improvements to The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center so that children with developmental delays or disabilities receiving therapies and early intervention services can utilize an efficient facility that meets all of their unique needs.

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

Renovations and improvements to the building and property including windows, HVAC, paint, flooring, interior structural changes, plumbing upgrades, security and fire systems, bathroom upgrades, electrical upgrades, lighting, new roof, parking lot, etc.

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

This facility will continue to house children's therapy and early intervention services provided to residents of both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Last year, 976 unique children received services from The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center.

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

The targeted population is children with identified developmental delays and/or disability diagnoses. We intend to serve as many children as possible and will meet last year's milestone of 900 children. Family members and other caregivers of these children receive indirect benefit of services as well.

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

Research shows that the 80% of brain development occurs by the age of 2. Therefore, identifying those children who would benefit from therapy and intervention is vitally important to their future success. Research also indicates that for every \$1 invested in these critical services, up to \$17 in savings can be realized in the reduced need for special education, healthcare services and reduction in abuse and neglect cases. The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center measures progress towards goals in physical, mental, emotional and social development. Preparing children for kindergarten and equipping them with the tools necessary is at the forefront of daily activities. Providing these services in a facility which can meet the unique needs of these children is paramount to their success.

**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?**

Return of partial or full funding.

**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)



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- 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**