



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1537

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Orthodox Jewish community currently lacks a centralized hub where individuals can seek assistance and guidance to achieve economic self-sufficiency, ensuring that no one is left without the support they require. Our goal is to enhance resource accessibility. This includes, but is not limited to, aiding individuals access government programs, healthcare plans, job placement, business mentorship, networking opportunities, senior resources, & providing guidance to families with children with special needs.

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	380,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	380,000

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)	380,000	52%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	48%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	730,000	100%

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.

Once the office or program is operational, we will establish connections with local philanthropists and engage with the broader local community to secure funding for the program. Furthermore, we will endeavor to establish contact with foundations and seek out grants from organizations interested in collaborating with us.

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
 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?

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	Salary for director of the project - will run entire project as well as be lead navigator for govt programs, healthcare, job placements, and creating networking opportunities.	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, desks, office supplies, cell phone, fuel, mileage, tolls, printing ink	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Hire navigator to help families of children with special needs access resources. Hire navigator to help seniors and their families. Hire job placement specialist, resume help & career coaching	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing expenses, events, community webinars, conferences Additional office space, desk furnishings.	98,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consult with industry leaders to ensure we are providing for the community in the best way. Bring in consultants to run panel discussions and networking events that will be open to the community.	72,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		380,000

14. Program Performance



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

Establish a hub that serves as a central resource for the Orthodox community, offering assistance and guidance to ensure that no one within the community is left without the necessary support. This initiative will provide families with direction on available resources, support them through the application process for government programs and health insurance plans, aid in job placements, provide senior resources, and offer guidance to families with children who have special needs. Additionally, we will organize networking events and host panel discussions featuring experts in relevant fields.

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

Complimentary consultations to assist families in navigating available resources. We will guide individuals and families through the application processes for government programs, health insurance, job placements, and senior resources. For families with children with special needs, we will offer comprehensive support, including resources, information, and assistance. In addition, we will facilitate panel discussions featuring field experts, organize job networking fairs, and offer various other forms of support to help our community flourish.

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

Comprehensive application assistance for a range of vital programs, including SNAP, WIC, Section 8 Housing, Medicaid, Florida Healthy Kids, Family Empowerment Scholarship, and other locally available resources for individuals and families. We provide expert guidance, assistance, and navigation through these programs to ensure that everyone can effectively access the resources available to them. In addition, we offer tailored support to various groups within the community, including seniors, families of children with special needs, and individuals seeking employment opportunities.

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

Elderly persons, familys of children with special needs, persons with poor mental health/physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantage persons, and the community at large that needs assitance in navigating complex programs. We expect to serve over 800 people this year.

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

By providing assistance in navigating healthcare programs, our organization ensures that community members have easier access to essential medical services. This improved access enables individuals to seek timely medical care, preventive services, and early intervention, ultimately leading to better health outcomes. By providing job placement and networking programs, as well as assistance with resume writing and mentorship, we will help community members in finding suitable employment opportunities, which will increase their financial stability and economic activity. Additionally, by helping families navigate government programs, assisting seniors navigate resources that are available to them, and helping families of children with special needs navigate programs/grants/schools and resources available to them, we will ensure that all persons have the ability to thrive and utilize the resources that are available to them. We will database all cases & monitor the data.

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?

If the plan proposed fails, the State of Florida may recall the funds associated with the request.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number