



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1351

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This innovative project will create South Florida's first permanent Center for Adaptive Therapy and Recreation, a three-story wheelchair-accessible building designed to benefit teenagers and adults with varying disabilities. This unique oceanfront facility will be open to the public six days a week, offering indoor and outdoor therapeutic activities under the supervision of highly trained personnel in a safe and comfortable environment, including PT, OT, group support services and physical activities. Providing complete access from landside to oceanside, the development of this Center will shine a spotlight on South Florida as an all-inclusive destination which caters to its ever-growing aging population and disabled community in desperate need of better services to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1,000,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="5.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="10,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="9,000,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="45"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	20,000,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Hard cost of Construction	1,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to build a designed, forward thinking facility which will attract and serve a large underserved population and individuals living with disabilities. This population includes adults, children (12+) with special needs, seniors and veterans with varying physical disabilities including spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's, brain injuries, amputees an other neurological conditions. the center will provide those with disabilities the ability to navigate all facets of the facility with ease, from landside to Oceanside, allowing them to participate in a wide variety of physical activities and events which are otherwise unavailable. The center will also provide necessary on site storage for adaptive sports, fitness and beach equipment.

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

The building is designed uniquely for those with disabilities, with features including a covered exterior rampway that wraps around the exterior facade from the ground level to the roof Top, providing total independence for wheelchair users, doorway sensors for the visually impaired, a heated pool w/ wheelchair lift and accessible meditation garden. Once the center is built, a full schedule of daily programs w/ specially trained staff members will allow disabled individuals (their family & friends) To safely participate in a wide array of indoor & outdoor activities & programs at 1 location, incl; Fully accessible gym, changing stations in locker rooms, group fitness classes, Aqua therapy, swimming in the ocean, a rooftop pool, art & music therapy, modified yoga, Pilates/meditation classes, adaptive surfing, snorkeling, scuba diving & shoreline flotation. Support group meetings for veteran & paralysis groups, seniors & families of special needs children.

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

The center will provide citizens with disabilities, as well as their caretakers, family and friends with the ability to enjoy a first of a kind year-round access to indoor and outdoor adaptive therapy and recreation. A diverse menu of Landon ocean-based programs will empower individuals to learn more about themselves, experience greater independence, have the opportunity to build friendships and feel included in community activities. These feelings of emotional and physical well-being have exponential benefits, touching beyond their disability to all those around them, including the confidence to get a full education and work or start their own business. The center will directly impact a better quality of life by assisting the disabled to be more productive members of society.

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

The center will serve a broad range of individuals including adult, disabled veterans, seniors, temporary injuries and children (12+) with special needs. Physical impairments range from spinal cord injuries, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, amputees N people of all races, religions an economic status. Based on years of successful "pop-up" programming by the Sabrina Cohen Foundation, as well as partnerships with veterans' groups, seniors and other disability related groups. We anticipate approximately 35,000 annual visits to the center, with an average of 120 gas per day, the facility can accommodate up to 350 individuals at any given time. The number of guests will increase by 15% annually as a result of local, national and international publicity. The center will offer over 20 bearing activities and services per week, allowing individuals to select and participate in multiple activities per day, ranging from gym memberships to Aqua therapy to group classes and lectures.

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

The benefit of the center is to provide a large, underserved population, individuals with disabilities, with the ability to access a level of physical services, camaraderie an care in South Florida which is currently unavailable in a single accessible indoor and outdoor location elsewhere in Florida on a day-to-day, year-round basis. The outcomes will be measured in detail by tracking all participants who register and or utilized the center, will be closely monitored and recorded by an experienced team of experts including staff, consultants, advisors and a centers manager. The center will also receive ongoing oversight and assistance from the city of Miami Beach to track its ongoing progress and activity.

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?

Return of funds



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12. **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.**

The City of Miami Beach has contributed a 5,000 sq ft parcel of oceanfront land located at 5301 Collins Avenue so the Sabrina Cohen Foundation can service the community. SCF is responsible for the capital costs of building the 16,000 sq ft, 3-level facility and managing the day-to-day programming, while the City will always remain owner of the land and building.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.