



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1826

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

4. Project/Program Description

This proposed project covers the costs of increasing security at Temple Israel Synagogue, the largest synagogue in Tallahassee, Florida. The grant request will fund hardening of the physical facility, including installation of bulletproof glass, an intercom system, replacement of locks and doors, access controls (with an upgraded security system and cameras as well as an upgraded facility access system, i.e., key fob or biometric system or similar), upgrades to security bollards and fencing, improvements to lighting, and improvements to exterior grounds security. The grant request will also fund trainings for personnel and congregants, including active shooter trainings. Finally, the grant request will fund security personnel, including licensed off-duty law enforcement to be present during congregational services and other events.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	180,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	320,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	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 2021-2022	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	530,115	118	Yes

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.

Community members are making yearly contributions to provide some funding for building maintenance and security.

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.

The funds received were pursuant to the Payroll Protection Act amounting to \$75,000. These funds were used for payroll.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs of consulting, surveys, and contracted security personnel.	180,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Cost of physical facility hardening (exterior fences, landscaping, lighting, replacement windows, locks, access systems, communications, etc).	320,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

This project will achieve the goal of securing Tallahassee's largest synagogue against external threats. Temple Israel is not only the largest Jewish synagogue in the Florida panhandle, it is also a facility used by much of the wider non-Jewish community for civic activities. With the unprecedented 60% increase in antisemitic hate crimes last year (the highest jump in over 40 years), the Tree of Life synagogue massacre, and direct threats to our community, these additional measures are necessary to keep the community safe.

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

Temple Israel will engage with multiple experienced local contractors and vendors to meet the goals of physical hardening of the facility and meeting operational goals, including the training of staff. In addition to replacing much of the facility's outdated physical components, described above, Temple Israel intends to contract with active off-duty law enforcement to provide security services for services and other large events.

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

Citizens will be enabled to continue their use of the facility with a reduced risk of harm from external threats to their safety.

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

Temple Israel has a membership of 320 families. In addition, the greater Tallahassee community makes significant use of the facility, including groups such as the Alzheimer's Project, Hospice Respite, and adult education groups, which use Temple Israel for meetings. Additionally, Temple Israel hosts the annual Jewish Food and Cultural Festival, which is attended by much of the wider Tallahassee community and generally has 1000 attendees.

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



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be measured?

We intend to have our facility professionally evaluated as part of the proposed grant and to have the facility and its operations meet requirements established by such evaluation.

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?

Temple Israel intends to enter into binding contracts with each entity with which it does business. If any contracted agency fails to meet its deliverables or performance measures, Temple Israel will engage in any legal rights available, including withholding of payment or termination of the contract.

13. 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.

N/A. The property is owned by Tallahassee Jewish Community, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation. Temple Israel of Tallahassee is a registered fictitious name owned by Tallahassee Jewish Community, Inc.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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