



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2141

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Club Challenge is a program of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc. The purpose of Club Challenge is to provide training, volunteer service opportunities, create a social life with peers, help navigate life during or after personal and/or family crisis, and introduction to paid employment opportunities in the Northeast Florida area for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are currently on the APD waiting list, unfunded adults with different abilities, senior adults, and those that have a part-time job or have retired from the workforce.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	25,000	9%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	275,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	200,000	242	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.

There are no alternate funding resources for Club Challenge that support staffing patterns to provide direct care and supervision to individuals with severe to mild intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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 2021, Paycheck Protection Program received \$ 1,125,000 to support entire agency's payroll of 306 employees and benefits.
 CARES Act-Clay County \$29,000 to purchase a large walk in cooler and freezer to store food for county-wide distribution programs.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	A portion of the Executive Staff and 100% of the Project Manager for Club Challenge including benefits required by law and eligible benefits under Challenge Enterprises policies.	66,193
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.	8,090
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Direct services staff wages and benefits which are screened through Clearinghouse and have completed APD required training. Staff will be assigned activities in small groups to guide and coach the members to achieve their personal goals.	123,795
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses will include a portion of the insurance, technology, utilities, travel and communication costs at the facility.	51,922
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

Club Challenge is an essential 'Bridge' for unfunded individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that desire to participate fully in activities that satisfy their personal goals, expand their interests, engage in volunteer service, learn about taking care of themselves and others, and exploring the possibilities of work. Gainful competitive Employment is the ultimate goal making Florida Minimum Wage or better with opportunities to expand. Club Challenge is the Bridge to secure a Vocational Rehabilitation Employment Specialists to prepare for job placement.

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

Club Challenge Members will have multiple opportunities to choose formal and informal sessions on job training, volunteering at local nonprofits and local for profits to learn new skills, advocacy training and group sessions, healthy living sessions, art and culture programs, on-line social activities with an integrated population and socializing with peers at integrated settings. Regular scheduled activities are 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?



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Club Challenge trained staff work directly with adults designing personalized plans that will meet their goals. Staff will introduce new activities to enrich the lives of the members. Staff will encourage Club members to participate in sessions that include but are not limited to money management, informal activities creating friendships, practicing social skills, escort individuals (small groups) to nonprofits for volunteer service hours and work skill development while gaining stamina for future employment goals. Club Challenge members will advocate for transportation services in Clay County. This is the major barrier for any type of employment placement. The Club has regular hours Monday through Friday and after hours activities to include families and friends at night and on a weekend.

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

The target population is APD unfunded adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the North Florida area serving Clay and Duval County. The membership is expected to increase to 30 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) Improve the physical stamina of the members with a physical health goal by engaging in 4 physical activities during the month. 85% of the members with this goal will participate in at least 1 monthly physical activity.
- 2) Transportation advocacy that promotes ridership on the local transit lines. Staff will escort the members in utilizing the current schedule. 75% of members with a transportation goal will participate in a transit advocacy meeting.
- 3) Improve Financial literacy in a training session or outing monthly. 75% of the members with financial goals will attend and use currency for purchases matching their personal budget plan.
- 4) Economic impact training will be scheduled at quarterly meetings with a Certified Employment Specialist or attending an employment event. 85% of the Club Members with this goal will participate in a quarterly employment meeting or training event.

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 Club Challenge falls below the minimum requirements as established in the APD Objectives and Anticipated Results as the program enters the third quarter of this year, then a probationary period of three months will be established effective in the last quarter of the funding year. During the probationary period, Club Challenge must increase its results by 20% 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 fourth quarter for the year until the minimum percentage is achieved and reported to APD.

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.

Challenge Enterprises is the owner of the facility where Club Challenge offers programs and services. This facility is scheduled for renovations by donors and volunteers from the James Boys of the Orange Park Methodist Church. Club Challenge will continue to operate during the renovation period.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. **First Name** **Last Name**

b. **Organization**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number** **Ext.**

15. 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**

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**