



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1323

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

As an island community, our residents travel far to access programs and services that cater to special needs. Establishing a community program will go a long way towards improving quality of life for special needs residents. Programs and staff training more inclusive of special needs residents are in high demand in the village. The Village seeks additional funding to better support our special needs residents and their families. This funding will go towards an assessment of village services, policies, and programming which will be used to establish a protocol that meets the unique requirements of our local special needs population.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	100,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	150,000	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.

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.

The Village received \$531,000 of CARES Act funding through Miami-Dade County to reimburse the Village for expenditures related to the pandemic such as COVID related overtime, legal expenses, and PPE.

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

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		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	Special needs assessment professionals, instructors, materials, training, fees, and program costs.	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

14. Program Performance

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

Improved delivery of services and programs for people with special needs of all ages (children to seniors). Enhanced and expanded staff training in conflict resolution involving persons with special needs. More diverse offerings of programming and services that are inclusive for persons with special needs. Increased accommodations in Village facilities and at events for persons with special needs.



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

An initial assessment of Village services and policies to determine a baseline from which to build upon. Recommendations for programming adjustments and additions, improved services, modifications to policies to better address the needs of special needs residents, and staff training in how to accommodate people with special needs. Implementation of recommendations via additional staff training and increased and modified programming and services.

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

Citizens of all ages and abilities will receive improved services, programs, and overall engagement with Village staff, facilities, and events. More inclusive programming to accommodate persons with special needs will enhance the experience of Village offerings for everyone. The classes provided to special needs residents will have an emphasis on physical activity, natural movement, nutrition, and overall physical health. The Village will partner with Best Buddies Integrated Employment Program to assist with jobs placement for residents with special needs that are interested in being a part of the workforce.

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

All special needs residents regardless of age and ability are the target population. However, all residents regardless of special needs will benefit from more inclusive services, facilities, and programming.

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

Mental health and physical health are critical to a high quality life and these programs will offer social, physical, and mental stimulation to maintain a strong mental and physical outlook for special needs residents. Job placement for those interested in joining the workforce will lead to economic self-sufficiency and teach valuable interpersonal skills. Staff trained to better respond to conflicts with special needs residents will reduce the likelihood these residents will unnecessarily encounter the criminal/juvenile justice system. Number of job placements, resident feedback, and incident reports for conflicts will provide the data necessary to measure progress on these outcomes.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in the forfeiture of funds or financial penalties as described in the contract.

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)

Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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