



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1059

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funding will be used to make full time Jewish day schools and pre-schools secure with professional security guards, transportation and facility hardening as needed.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	17,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	20,000,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	20,000,000	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 2025-2026	20,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	20,000,000	105111	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Many Jewish schools already charge parents a school security or transportation fee as part of their tuition and sometimes charge an additional fee per child because of the need for additional security measures. If state funding ceases, either schools will do without maintaining certain standards or put an even greater financial burden on parents by charging or increasing security fees.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. 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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

01/01/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

Annual school budgets.

11. 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.

Jewish Day Schools across the State of Florida.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits	Contracted security guards, who are licensed and regulated by the state and insured, to provide professional detection, prevention and security services to day schools.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses related to transportation to better secure students, parents and staff.	10,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted security guards, who are licensed and regulated by the state and insured, to provide professional detection, prevention and security services to day schools. Allowable expenses shall include security training.	6,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Target hardening, building and equipment upgrades such as fences, vehicle access control, video recording system, electronic access control to the building(s), ballistic glass and alarm & communication systems.	3,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		20,000,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Full time Jewish Day Schools and preschools will be more secure against the anti-Semitic and terroristic threats they face.

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

Funding will be used by Jewish day schools and pre-schools to pay for security services, transportation services, antisemitism training, and target hardening such as but not limited too bullet proof glass, security doors, electronic access, and alarm and camera systems.

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

On campus security.

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

The need for funds has been clearly documented through independent studies and reports highlighting the rise in antisemitism. The FBI's 2023 Hate Crime Report revealed a record 1,832 reported anti-Jewish hate crime incidents, marking a 63% increase from 2022 and the highest since the FBI began tracking.

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

More than 23,000 preschool and K-12 students, approximately 2,300 teachers and school staff and thousands of parents.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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) State Government Department

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.