



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1071

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Funds will be allocated to provide critical dementia-specific care through Specialized Alzheimer's Adult Day Care Centers licensed under FS 429.918. These centers primarily serve low-income individuals suffering from Alzheimer's disease or related disorders. Each participant receives a personalized care plan, now incorporating COVID-19 precautions, to address the unique needs of this highly vulnerable population. Care is delivered across eleven (11) AHCA-licensed, Joint Commission-accredited Specialized Centers, ten of which are in churches. Nearly all participants are eligible for nursing home care but can remain in the community with their families. The average enrollment duration in these specialized centers is three (3) years, compared to just 18 months in non-specialized centers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,150,000

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)	1,150,000	13%
Matching Funds		
Federal	252,220	3%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,990,000	23%
Local	563,721	6%
Other	4,774,835	55%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	8,730,776	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	1,500,000	750,000	398	No

9. Is future-year 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.

Life impacting services would be critically diminished without state funding.



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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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

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

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.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Reimbursement per unit rate of \$16.80 and will provide 89,285 patient hours of care.	1,150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,150,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested \$1.15 million in funding will be allocated to critical dementia-specific care provided in Specialized Alzheimer’s Adult Day Care Centers licensed under FS 429.918. The average age of participants is 80.5 years, with 75% scoring as severely cognitively impaired. Nearly all participants are eligible for nursing home placement. The goal of this funding is to offer a safe, therapeutic environment through a five-day-per-week, nine-hour-per-day SDS Center program, enabling individuals to remain safely in their homes and communities.

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



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ACC's day care centers, licensed under the Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care Act (FS 429.918), maintain a high standard of care, focusing on the well-being of Alzheimer's patients and those with related neurocognitive disorders. Each patient receives an individualized care plan updated quarterly, and their cognitive function is assessed annually. The centers must provide therapeutic activities making up at least 70% of daily operations, targeting physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and cognitive well-being. Key requirements also include having a licensed nurse on-site for at least 75% of the day, a one-to-five staff-to-patient ratio, and direct care staff completing at least 8 hours of training. These regulations ensure personalized care and support, helping to improve the quality of life for individuals in their care while promoting overall cognitive and emotional health through structured, engaging activities.

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

At the Organization's Specialized Day Service (SDS) Centers, patients and caregivers are paired with Family Navigators and Case Managers. These professionals act as navigators, helping families navigate the often-fragmented healthcare system and create individualized care plans tailored to their unique needs, regardless of language, cultural background, or the stage of the neurocognitive disorder. The Family Navigators advocate for essential medical evaluations and interventions to ensure safe medication management, reduce fall risks, prevent complications from preexisting conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, and avoid inappropriate Baker Act placements, among other concerns.

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

The target population served by ACC includes individuals (patients) over the age of 18 with a primary diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and/or related neurocognitive disorders. Services are available to patients and their caregivers, regardless of culture, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, financial status, or sexual orientation. With the support of these funds, ACC aims to provide 89,285 hours of patient care, benefiting approximately 285 to 300 families. These services are designed to stabilize the progression of the disease, enabling patients to remain at home with their families and avoid institutionalization for a longer period. Many caregivers, particularly those with an average age of 58, are adult children caring for one or both parents while managing their own work responsibilities, raising children, and often supporting college expenses. This highlights the importance of these services in helping caregivers balance their personal and caregiving responsibilities.

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

Alzheimer's caregivers are deeply committed to preserving the right to care for their loved ones throughout the course of the disease, especially after receiving the devastating diagnosis, "you have Alzheimer's disease." The Organization's primary goals are to safeguard the well-being, safety, and security of these individuals while maintaining their dignity, integrity, and quality of life throughout the disease progression. Memory care units in long-term care and skilled nursing facilities can cost more than \$12,000 per month, with skilled nursing facilities reaching over \$100,000 per year per resident at Medicaid reimbursement rates. In contrast, the funding of \$1,150,000 for specialized therapeutic day center services for 260 patients offers a significantly more affordable solution. This amount is a fraction of the cost of residential care, which for 285 patients can conservatively exceed \$26 million.

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?

All 11 Specialized Alzheimer Adult Service (SDS) Centers operate under the regulations of F.S. 429.918. If these standards are not met, the centers risk losing their licenses issued by the Florida Agency of Health Care Administration. Failure to meet clinical standards could result in the loss of accreditation from the National Joint Commission. Additionally, if governance and financial management practices do not comply with required standards, the centers could lose their certification from Non-Profit First, a local organization that annually monitors and evaluates non-profit practices. This could also lead to a loss of funding from four local United Ways and the Palm Beach, Martin, and St. Lucie County Commissioners. Such a loss of funding would further jeopardize financial support from the Palm Beach County/Treasure Coast Area Agency on Aging/ARC and the United Ways of Martin County.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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)



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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:

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



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- 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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