



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1109

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

These funds will be used by Florida's network of 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILS) to provide service, equipment, and community support coordination for adults with disabilities transitioning from hospitals, nursing homes, incarceration, foster care and other institutionalized settings. CILS will provide employment skills, training, peer supports needed to live, learn, work and succeed in their communities.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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 2025-2026	1,500,000	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	0	900,000	31	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.

None available at this time

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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	Each Center for Independent Living will receive \$10,000 to offset the salary costs of the Executive Director and Project Director (\$10,000 x15 CILS = \$150,000)	150,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Each Center for Independent Living will receive \$60,000 to cover the cost of dedicated staff persons to coordinate and provide transition services (\$60,000 X 15 CILs = \$900,000)	900,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Each Center for Independent Living will receive \$30,000 to cover the costs of travel, equipment, and supplies associated with transition services for adults with disabilities (\$30,000 X 15 CILs = \$450,000)	450,000
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)		1,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used by Florida's network of 15 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) to deliver services and supports for adults with disabilities transitioning from hospitals, nursing homes, incarceration, foster care and other institutional settings. CILs will provide employment skills training, peer supports, home modifications, assistance with securing accessible housing, assistive technology and other community supports needed to live, learn, work and succeed in their communities.



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

Centers for Independent Living will work with individuals with disabilities appropriate for transition from hospitals, nursing homes and other institutional settings and develop community transition plans based on the consumers unique needs. CIL staff will coordinate and provide the necessary supports and services to ensure safe, sustainable and successful transitions back to the community.

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

Care coordination, peer mentoring, employment assistance, information about local services, assistance in enrolling in state assistance programs, development of Independent Living Plan, home modifications, assistance with acquiring assistive technology and durable medical equipment and accessing education and skills training and acquiring employment skills.

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

Floridians with disabilities and frail seniors wishing to transition from a nursing home back to the community, adults with disabilities who are at risk of nursing home placement or hospitalization due to unmet needs or the inaccessibility of their living environment, adult students with disabilities transitioning from high school to postsecondary education or employment who require accommodations or assistance to live independently, formerly incarcerated individuals with disabilities, and youth with disabilities aging out of foster care.

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

These funds will allow Centers for Independent Living to help adults with disabilities achieve their education, employment and self-sufficiency goals as they transition from institutional settings. FACIL is developing a matrix which will track the success each Center has had with the population described to date and anticipated gains with additional funding.

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?

For any month during which a center for independent living fails to achieve the required performance measures, the contracting agency can deduct one-twelfth of the annual allocation for that center.

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)
- 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#:



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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
- 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



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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