



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1147

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Extraordinary Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting families of special needs and medically complex children and young adults. This project will help us build out our newly purchased facility and install medical equipment to serve more families of children with medical complications (including 50 families currently on our waiting list) giving them access to the critical resources we provide. EKF provides specialized medical equipment for families in need, essential services including professional childcare for children with medical needs, specialized healthcare services, wheelchair clinics, parent support groups, therapy and intervention services and educational workshops to empower families and improve their quality of life.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	47%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	560,000	53%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,060,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		

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.



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1147

## 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

12/01/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

10/01/2025

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

Extraordinary Kids Foundation is an independent organization that has sustained our organization through individual gifts, corporate giving, and client services. We are determined to fund this 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.

Extraordinary Kids Foundation Inc.

### 12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Medical Equipment, Resource Development, Facility costs, Office Furniture, Computers, IT, Wheelchairs & Special Equipment, Training Materials & Handbooks, Operations Costs.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction Plans & Permits, Building Renovations, Architect Drawings, Electric, Office Framing, HVAC, Flooring, Repairs, Building Technology upgrades, Medical Equipment installations.	250,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1147

Extraordinary Kids Foundation is dedicated to supporting families of special needs and medically complex children and young adults. The funds requested will help us build out our newly purchased facility and install medical equipment to serve more families of children with medical complications (including 50 families currently on our waiting list) giving them access to the critical resources we provide.

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

Extraordinary Kids Foundation will continue to provide a wide range of essential services including professional childcare for children with medical needs, specialized healthcare services, wheelchair clinics, parent support groups, therapy and intervention services and educational workshops to empower families and improve their quality of life.

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

Families who have children with special and medically complex needs often are overwhelmed with the daily needs of their children. Our direct services include professional childcare so family members and caregivers can maintain steady employment, specialized healthcare services to educate caregivers on best practices for caring for their medically complex child, wheelchair clinics, parent support groups, therapy and intervention services and educational workshops to empower these families and give them a strong chance of success.

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

Children with medically complex needs and their family units. We expect to serve 250-300 families. There are currently 50 families on our waiting list.

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

Our organization will serve and improve the medical outcomes of 250-300 families of special needs children with the development of our new facility. Medical records will be kept to show the level of care provided.

**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?**

Penalties for not meeting contractual deliverables may warrant decreased funding.

**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#:**



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1147

**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**



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1147

a. Name	<input type="text" value="Christina Romelus"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="PolitiCALM"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="christina@politicalm.com"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(561)203-9442"/>

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