



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1199

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The S.A.R.A. Opioid Prevention Program works to raise awareness of substance misuse and opioid abuse among youth in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, focusing on the dangers of vaping, prescription medications, and opioids. The program educates both young people and their families about the long-term effects of these substances, with a particular emphasis on prescription opioid misuse and fentanyl. Through year-round efforts, including social media campaigns, in-school and out-of-school workshops, and community events, we aim to promote a healthier and safer Florida. Additionally, we advocate for stronger laws to prevent vaping and the sale of vapes in schools, and we support the development of ordinances restricting tobacco retailers from operating within a certain distance of schools and areas where citizens live, learn, work, and play. We also advocate for requiring permits for mobile dealers of tobacco and vape products to ensure better regulation and control.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000	29%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	425,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

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?** Yes No

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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



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N/A

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	Salary and benefits for the leader overseeing the in-school education and youth advocacy efforts	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for educators and support staff delivering workshops and peer-led sessions	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs for materials, supplies, and travel associated with in-school curriculum delivery and workshop facilitation	55,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program evaluation of the participating, for activities to monitor performance, demonstrate and effectiveness. Social marketing, outreach at school, church, and community events. This program is a prevention effort to combat the opioid crisis.	25,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for staff dedicated to family/community outreach, social media management, and advocacy	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for community events, health fairs, parent workshops, and social media campaign activities	60,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs for policy advocacy, legal advisory services, and external evaluation to measure program impact	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose of the S.A.R.A Opioid Prevention Program is to combat substance misuse, with a particular focus on opioid misuse, prescription medication abuse, fentanyl, and vaping, across Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The funds will be used to educate youth and families on the dangers of these substances, including the deadly risks of fentanyl, as well as raise awareness of prescription medication misuse and vaping. In addition to the workshops, the funds will support social media campaigns, community outreach events, and advocacy efforts to strengthen laws preventing vaping in schools and restricting tobacco and vape sales near schools and public spaces. This comprehensive approach will help reduce substance misuse, raise awareness, and promote healthier choices among Florida's youth and families.

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

This program targets substance misuse in Miami-Dade/Broward through:

1. In-School Education

Monthly workshops for 10K–15K students (grades 6–12) on opioid/fentanyl risks, vaping, and prescription misuse, using interactive peer resistance training.

Small Groups Program: Weekly peer-led sessions for at-risk youth, focusing on coping skills, refusal tactics, and mentorship.

2. Family/Community Engagement

Quarterly workshops for parents/guardians on identifying behavioral risks, secure medication storage, and overdose reversal training.

Community health fairs and town halls with multilingual resources and partnerships with local healthcare providers.

3. Youth Advocacy

100+ students/year trained to lead #StopUsingTheYouth campaigns and advocate for laws restricting vape sales near schools

4. Policy Reform

Partnering with officials to ban school vaping and regulate retailers near schools

Funds Cover: Staff, workshops, small group materials, events, social media and evaluation

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

The S.A.R.A. Opioid Prevention Program will provide key services to citizens in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, including monthly in-school workshops to educate youth on the dangers of opioid misuse, fentanyl, prescription drugs, and vaping. Out-of-school workshops and community events will engage families, offering resources and prevention strategies. The program will also develop social media campaigns, advocate for stronger laws against vaping in schools, and empower youth to lead the "Stop Using the Youth" campaign, advocating for stricter regulations on substance sales. This comprehensive approach aims to reduce substance misuse, raise awareness, and empower communities to take action for a safer, healthier future.

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

The target population for the S.A.R.A. Opioid Prevention Program includes youth in grades 6-12, along with their families, in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. The program aims to serve 50 schools across both counties, impacting approximately 10,000-15,000 students throughout the year, along with their families through community events and outreach. By offering in-school workshops, out-of-school workshops, and social media campaigns, the program seeks to raise awareness, provide prevention strategies, and empower both youth and their families to address substance misuse in their communities.

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

The expected outcome of the S.A.R.A. Opioid Prevention Program is a significant reduction in substance misuse, particularly opioid abuse, prescription medication misuse, fentanyl, and vaping, among youth in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Additionally, the program aims to empower youth to become leaders in advocating for stronger regulations on substance sales and usage. The success of this initiative will be measured through various methods, including pre- and post-program surveys to assess changes in knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding substance abuse. The program will also track attendance at workshops, engagement levels in social media campaigns, and the impact of youth-led advocacy efforts through participation rates and community feedback. Through these data points, the program will evaluate its effectiveness in raising awareness, reducing substance misuse, and fostering a culture of prevention and advocacy within the community.

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?



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In addition to standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables, the contracting agency may consider reducing future funding, suspending or terminating the contract, or withholding payments until performance improves.

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:

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	<input type="text" value="Nadege"/>	Last Name	<input type="text" value="Vilsaint"/>
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c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="n.vilsaint@p-scdg.org"/>		
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(786)773-1345"/>	Ext.	<input type="text" value="401"/>



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18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Prosperity Social & Community Development Group, Inc.

b. Municipality and County Statewide

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 Nadege Last Name Vilsaint

e. E-mail Address n.vilsaint@p-scdg.org

f. Phone Number (305)308-5899 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

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.