



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1340

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

ArtPad is an organization that provides art therapy for seniors and at-risk youth in underserved communities. Its mission is to use creative expression as a tool for healing, mental well-being, and social connection.
 Focus on Art Therapy – Providing structured creative activities to improve emotional health, reduce stress, and enhance cognitive function.
 Serving Underserved Communities – Specifically targeting seniors facing isolation and youth experiencing trauma or at-risk situations.
 Community-Based Approach – Offering mobile and on-site programs in community centers, senior homes, schools, and shelters.
 Public Art & Engagement – Organizing collaborative murals, exhibitions, and intergenerational projects to strengthen community ties.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	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)	150,000	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	150,000	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		

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.



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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	ED has a salary of \$10,000.00 annually	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative assistant part-time	23,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Art supplies Materials for art therapy sessions travel reimbursement for art therapists marketing materials for events and pop-ups and community centers and schools	48,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Art therapist, LCSW, Supervisor LCSW	69,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		150,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested from Florida state funding will support ArtPad’s mission by achieving the following specific goals:

1. Expanding Art Therapy for Seniors
Providing regular art therapy sessions to enhance seniors' mental health, cognitive function, and emotional well-being.
Creating intergenerational art programs that connect seniors with youth to foster social interaction and reduce loneliness.

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

e-on-One Art Therapy Sessions – Individual sessions for seniors and youth dealing with trauma, anxiety, or depression.
Group Therapy Through Art – Small-group sessions using art as a communication tool to process emotions in a safe environment.
Workshops on Coping Mechanisms – Teaching stress relief techniques through creative outlets.

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

Mental Health Advocacy Through Art: Public education programs designed to raise awareness of mental health issues in the community, with a focus on reducing stigma, and providing resources and support for those in need.
Workshops on Coping with Stress and Anxiety: Direct educational services to citizens about managing mental health through art and creative coping mechanisms.

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

Seniors
Age Group: Adults 60 years and older, especially those experiencing social isolation, mobility limitations, or mental health challenges such as depression, anxiety, and cognitive decline.
Vulnerabilities: Seniors in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and homebound seniors who may have limited access to social activities and mental health support.
Specific Needs: Mental health and wellness support, cognitive stimulation, emotional healing, and social connection.

2. Youth
Age Group: Young people, primarily ages 12-18, with a focus on those who may be at risk for mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, or trauma.
Vulnerabilities: Youth experiencing challenges such as academic stress, family instability, or exposure to trauma, and those lacking positive outlets for creative expression.
Specific Needs: Mental health support, self-expression, stress relief, and building resilience through creative activities.

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

Improved Mental Health and Emotional Well-being
For Seniors: Reduction in symptoms of depression, anxiety, and cognitive decline, as well as improved social interaction and overall life satisfaction.
For Youth: Enhanced emotional resilience, improved self-esteem, better coping skills, and reduced stress levels.
Increased Social Connections and Reduced Isolation

For Seniors: Greater community engagement and reduced feelings of loneliness through intergenerational interactions and group activities.
For Youth: Opportunities for mentoring, leadership, and collaboration with seniors, fostering a stronger sense of community and belonging.

Enhanced Cognitive Function
For Seniors: Improvement in cognitive health through creative activities that stimulate memory, focus, and problem-solving skills.
For Youth: Development of new cognitive skills related to creativity, problem-solving, and emotional regulation through art-based projects.
Cultural and Community Awareness.

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?

Extended Project Timeline: If deliverables are not met, the contracting agency could require the contractor to work beyond the original timeline without additional compensation, effectively extending the performance period.

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



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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 **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization



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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

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.