



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1497

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Opioid Awareness and Substance Abuse Prevention Program is a comprehensive initiative specifically to educate and empower Florida's youth, families, and communities to address prescription opioid misuse. The program raises awareness about the risks associated with opioid misuse and its effects on brain health and emotional well-being, as well as fostering resilience in youth to provide the knowledge and resources necessary to prevent substance abuse effectively.

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

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

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)	2,500,000	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	2,500,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	5,000,000	377	Yes

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

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

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

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Develop and launch a comprehensive statewide media campaign targeting communities disproportionately impacted by opioid misuse.	300,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Funds will support program staff, educational material development, staff training, community marketing outreach, and support services for thirty-five Boys & Girls Clubs organizations with 326 sites across Florida.	2,200,000
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)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of this project is to promote awareness and education specifically for prescription opioid and substance abuse among Florida's youth and their families, highlighting the risks associated with misuse, fostering healthy lifestyle choices, and empowering communities to prevent substance abuse through collaboration and support.

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



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Provide approved opioid awareness lessons to school-age students, educating them about the risks of opioid and substance misuse. Distribute educational materials, including toolkits, conversation guides, and local support service information to students, families, and schools. Create and implement a comprehensive media campaign within the club's communities.

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

The appropriation project will offer direct services through afterschool programs for Florida youth from low-income families, staffed by qualified personnel. These programs will provide opioid awareness lessons to school-age students, educating them about the dangers of substance misuse. Educational materials such as toolkits, conversation guides, and local support resources will be shared with students, families, and schools. A comprehensive media campaign will also be launched within the club's communities to raise awareness about opioid misuse.

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

The appropriation project will serve at-risk youth in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade attending the Boys & Girls Clubs during out-of-school hours, along with their families and surrounding communities. The program will reach 5,500 students, distribute educational materials 27 times, and launch 27 media campaigns to raise awareness about opioid misuse and its risks. The initiative will also provide opioid awareness lessons and support services to empower youth and families in making healthy choices.

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

The outcome of this project will be increasing the general public's understanding of opioid misuse risks and preventing it among youth. It will help families identify and address misuse and promote community collaboration on prevention. Youth will engage in positive activities, make healthier choices, and avoid risky behaviors. The project will have a lasting impact by providing resources to reduce opioid misuse. Success will be measured using pre/post-tests, certificates of completion, event calendars, advertisements, and media.

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?

A complete Corrective Action Plan set by the Department of Children and Families, and a reduction of funds.

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.