



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1808

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

To provide scholarships for the Jewish preschool program, develop innovative programming to cultivate creativity and collaboration, to develop and provide training for parents and to expand programming to create a space that is open to the wider community, to serve as a resource for education and childcare. These programs aim to encourage intergenerational connection through guided study sessions, and community events to enrich the participants' spiritual and cultural lives.

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	700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>700,000</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)	700,000	67%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	350,000	33%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,050,000</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		
2024-25	0	700,000	80	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

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive director salary and benefits 33% of Director's salary plus dedicated to the project	71,000
Other Salary and Benefits	50% administrator salary plus benefits	36,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Collaboration Studio, \$95,000; social/emotional curriculum and development, \$40,000; Reading Specialist, \$7,000; Event coordinator; Instructors; Program Director	267,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Scholarships, \$80,000; Collab Supplies, \$20,000; Sensory Supplies, \$20,000	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Parent Training instructor, \$15,000; Music Instruction \$30,000; Educators	76,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>700,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Provide scholarships to families for Jewish education. It will be used to re-imagine preschool roles and services, providing for a full educational experience that includes educating parents and providing them with the skills developed and implemented in the school. Parents and children will bond through shared Torah study. The initiative will include guided study sessions, discussions, and community events.

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



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There will be more scholarships available to students in need. Along with programing to re-imagine preschool. Mental and emotional development & variety of after school programs for students & parents. Interactive Torah Study Sessions, workshops for parents, family learning events, customized learning materials, cultural activities, shabbat & holiday activities.

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

Scholarships, executive functioning education for students and parents, workshops and training for parents, and a variety of after school-programing.

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

Economically disadvantaged families and preschool students and their families. Includes elderly individuals, at-risk youth, grade school students, and high school students. Will benefit thousands through programs and initiatives.

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

This will definitely improve the quality and experience of preschool that students and parents will receive. The parent trainings also will enhance understanding of parenting and other skills that are needed long term for the parents. Parental involvement and cultural programs enhance mental well-being, literacy and emotional bonds. Family educational interventions improve educational outcomes and create strong family bonds. Outcomes will be assessed through data, reports and surveys.

**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?**

The return of the funds appropriated.

**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:**



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**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**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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