



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1881

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The primary objective of this project is to facilitate intergenerational dialogue within our community. We aim to provide support to both senior citizens, children, and working-age adults. Currently, our efforts are focused on the youth within the Haitian community residing in Belle Glade, Florida. Our objective is to address both mental health disparities and social gaps within our community. This project will encompass the renovation of a recently acquired building, where programming will be conducted for these groups. Additionally, we will procure vehicles, computers, and audio-visual equipment to enhance the capabilities of these groups. Furthermore, the funding received will be utilized to supplement the current income of our staff.

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	116,980
Fixed Capital Outlay	275,650
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>392,630</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)	392,630	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>392,630</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.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9-1-2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

4-1-26

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

We currently receive funding from our private grants and also from local donations.

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.

First Hatian Baptist Church of Belle Glade Youth and Children Development Center.-Facility and nonprofit  
 First Haitain Baptist Church of Belle Glade -owner of property

### 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	Supplemental funding for current staff	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1 Chevy passenger vans 20 apple ipads 20 Apple mac laptops English learning curriculum	84,980
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Therapist Specialist Esol Teacher Physical Trainers	17,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Contractor Purchasing of construction materials and labor for Phase 1 of capital project.	275,650
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>392,630</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The primary objective of our request is to initiate the initial phase of our building renovation. This renovation will significantly enhance the security of our facility, ensuring the safety of our upcoming programs. Additionally, we will procure a 15-passenger van to facilitate transportation for our senior citizens. Furthermore, we will acquire updated computers and tablets for our afterschool program. Our primary focus is on the senior citizens within our community who are affected by depression and loneliness. We are committed to further enhancing our aftercare efforts to provide support and companionship to these individuals.

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

As previously mentioned, we will be targeting two specific groups with these funds. We will continue our ongoing program with our youth and children. The age ranges that we primarily work with are 5 to 13 years of age, providing tutoring and mentorship. Our desire is to equip them with better tools that will enable them to keep pace with the rapidly evolving world of technology. Secondly, we will target our senior citizens who are unable to visit their homeland of Haiti due to political unrest.

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

To commence our community initiatives, we will establish a learning center equipped with state-of-the-art technology, empowering our children with access to the latest educational resources. This technology will not only benefit our students but also extend its reach to many families currently served by our organization. Concurrently, we will create a secure haven for our senior citizens within our community. Our primary focus will be on the holistic well-being of our seniors, ensuring both their physical and mental health. We will provide a designated space for them to socialize and engage in daily activities within the community.

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

We will be targeting two distinct groups within our community. Our primary focus is on children aged 5 to 13, who will benefit from aftercare services that encompass tutoring and mentorship. Our ultimate goal is to provide them with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, enabling them to stay abreast of the rapidly evolving technological landscape. Secondly, we will be targeting our senior citizens, who are aged 55 and above. For this age group, we will provide support for mental health concerns, including depression, loneliness, and sadness. Our objective is to foster a sense of community and belonging for these individuals.

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

One of the anticipated outcomes for the school-aged population is the acquisition and proficiency in utilizing the latest technology. This proficiency will, in turn, enhance their academic progress and contribute to their overall well-being within the community. To facilitate this, targeted lessons will be provided to equip students with the necessary skills to effectively utilize technology in their schoolwork. For our senior citizens, we aim to assist them in navigating the evolving circumstances. To this end, we will collaborate with physical and mental health professionals to facilitate engaging activities that promote their well-being.

**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 penalty would be to make us unable to request funding from the state for a year until we address the issues that prevented us from completing the project.

**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):**



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**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**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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.*