



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1883

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Building a Caregiver Community Project will enable caregivers to provide home-based care, which can reduce the strain on more expensive healthcare settings. Preventive and proactive care can reduce emergency room visits, hospital readmissions, and the need for full-time nursing home care, resulting in significant cost savings for healthcare systems and families. This centrally located facility will be part of a larger project located in Winter Park, on the border of Orange and Seminole Counties. Share the Care has already invested \$1 million in the project and there is 100% donation participation from Board/Staff.

Share the Care is a Central Florida nonprofit established in 1986, which provides services, education, training, and support to family caregivers, enabling them to maintain their loved one at home while delaying or eliminating the need for institutional care.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	12%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,700,000	88%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	4,200,000	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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

07/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/31/2025

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

Program income from Share the Care services.

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.

Share the Care, Inc. - owner of the property/facility.

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		0
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	Renovation of a caregiver community facility to provide comprehensive integrated care to family caregivers. Construction will require interior wall, electrical, and plumbing renovations and modifications, proper fire suppression, technology, HVAC upgrades, and exterior grounds work for parking.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The Caregiver Community complex includes new construction creating a focal point for caregiver support including care coordination, behavioral health services, mental health wellness, and an adult day health center. By enabling caregivers to provide home-based care, these programs can reduce the strain on more expensive healthcare settings, such as hospitals or long-term care facilities, resulting in significant cost savings for healthcare systems, families, and the Veteran support community.

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

These family-focused services support home-based care for those caring for disabled adults, disabled veterans, people with dementia and Alzheimer's and more. Services include Care Management, Adult Day Health Care, In-Home Respite Care, Short-Term Overnight Respite Care, Mental Health Counseling, Education, Home Modification and Non-Durable Medical Supplies.

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

The Caregiver Community Project will be the first of its kind in Orange & Seminole Counties, serving as a hub for caregiver health and wellness. Programs will offer training, counseling, and access to necessary caregiver tools and techniques, enabling families to deliver more effective, safer, and higher-quality care.

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

Non-paid family caregivers caring for a loved-one residing in their home. Caregivers include those caring for disabled adults, disabled veterans, people with dementia and Alzheimer's and more. The majority of caregivers are from Orange and Seminole Counties, but programs are open to all interested caregivers living in Central Florida. Virtual programing is open to all caregivers nationwide. In 2024 Share the Care served 2100 families.

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

The Caregiver Community Project programs will help caregivers develop strategies for managing stress and coping with exhaustion. In-person programs will foster a sense of community, so caregivers know they are not alone. These resources help caregivers maintain their loved-one at home longer, which is more affordable than institutional care. Respite programs serve 29 persons at the same cost as 1 person in a nursing home. The project will provide learning space for students in the fields of Case Management and Behavioral Health. Expanded office and training space will allow for increases in administrative staff, additional hours for contracted clinicians, and more opportunities for contracted wellness instructors.

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?

Return of funds to administrating agency.

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



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- 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)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)



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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.