



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1924

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Episcopal Children's Services (ECS4kids) will expand our Summer Bridge program into Clay, Marion and Lake counties. Expanding the Summer Bridge program in Clay, Marion and Lake counties will provide 7 additional weeks of high-quality early childhood education for approximately 384 of our community's most vulnerable children ages 3 to 5. Children will be immersed in learning-rich environments with individualized instruction to increase developmental gains. Learning is further enhanced with at-home reading and math activities. The program will also support employment for low-income parents with with full-day childcare at no cost.

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	760,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	760,000

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)	760,000	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	760,000	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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ECS4Kids did a pilot Summer Bridge program in Alachua County, FL through The Children's Trust of Alachua County. The program proved to be incredibly successful, and The Children's Trust has continued to fund it. Our goal is to get state funds for Summer Bridge in Clay, Lake and Marion, and showcase the outcomes from the pilot to secure local and private matching funds for expansion.

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	Executive Management (Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Business Officer)	12,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Fiscal and Human Resources Staff	35,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, facilities, utilities, and other operating expenses.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Program Staff	613,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program supplies	33,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program support contracts with childcare partners.	27,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		760,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Children will achieve learning gains through 7 additional weeks of high-quality early education specifically designed to improve school readiness. Parents will have increased capacity to attain or maintain employment because their children are in full-day care.

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

Children will receive individualized instruction from highly qualified teachers covering six learning domains - Social-Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, and Math. To support parents, the program operates for the full school day with options for before and after care.

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

Children enrolled in the Summer Bridge program are immersed in learning rich environments. The full day care gives parents desperately needed childcare during the summer months.

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

The target population for this program are our community's most vulnerable children and their families - those living in poverty, families experiencing homelessness, children with diagnosed disabilities, and children in foster care. The Summer Bridge program will serve approximately 384 children ages 3 to 5 and their families.

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

384 children will increase their learning through the Summer Bridge program. This is measured through our Teaching Strategies Gold Assessments that measures children's development across the six learning domains - Social-Emotional, Physical, Language, Literacy, Cognitive, and Math. 100% of the parents will receive full day care at no cost.

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?

ECS4Kids will work with the Department of Education on deliverables and performance measures and will include penalties for not meeting those deliverables in the contract.

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

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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