



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2004

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Tampa JCCs and Federation has faced a significant increase in threats, driven by hate and antisemitism, since the heartless attacks by Hamas terrorists against Israel on October 7, 2023. This is the third year of a multi-year preventative security initiative that HAS WORKED! This funding has made it possible to increase the presence of armed security guards and offset the cost of our managers responsible for overseeing security, providing educational programming, and combating antisemitism. This initiative was developed to prevent and/or respond to security threats leveled against the Jewish community in greater Tampa by putting our human and physical resources to work in the most effective ways. We are pleased to report that there have been no physical attacks against our property since October, 2023 and we firmly believe this is due to the measures we have put in place to deter that kind of activity.

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	525,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>525,000</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)	525,000	55%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	431,000	45%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>956,000</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	525,000	1290	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.**



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Funding these efforts to increase and improve security are not optional and, in fact, are necessary for the safety and security of our members, guests, staff, as well as visitors and residents at our assisted living facility. If we cannot secure funding from the state, we'll have no choice but to utilize our emergency reserves which will put the entire organization in a fiscally risky position. Target hardening and planning for worst-case scenarios is necessary to ensure the community's safety.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Senior Security, Public Education, and Community Relations Staff (of approximate \$275,000). These funds will help offset the cost of employing the Director of Security, Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and the Executive Director of Combating Antisemitism. This trio will lead the org's efforts to improve security, keep the community alerted and engaged, and provide leadership in the fight against hate, threats, and violence directed at Jews across the greater Tampa area.	235,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Senior Security, Public Education, and Community Relations staff.	20,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Conference Travel and Training - These funds will be used to allow people in the above referenced positions to attend seminars and informational meetings around security and combating antisemitism. These conferences are excellent ways to build our networks and identify resources.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Liability Insurance Coverage cost.	2,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Local Contracted Security: \$257,500 of \$375,000 total. Beginning October 7, 2023, we have had to increase the number of armed guards and the number of hours posted due to increased threats. As of the writing of this application, the war in Israel is still ongoing and the threats are very much still present. We expect the cost of armed security to continue increasing year over year for the foreseeable future.	257,500
<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>525,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

This request represents Phase 3 of our local security initiative which has been funded by the Florida legislature the past two years. Due to the war in Israel, which is a result of the brutal Hamas terrorist attacks against Israel, the risks the greater Tampa Jewish community now faces has increased significantly in addition to seriously rising antisemitism that has been recognized by the FBI in report after report. Increased security expertise has been and will continue to be well implemented as a result of funding this project. This will allow us to continue to employ a Director of Security, an Executive Director of Combating Antisemitism, and a Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council. Together, these three professionals will supervise our contract security and serve as resources for the entire community to help increase security and effectively fight antisemitism.

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

Our facilities are open to the entire community, Jewish and non-Jewish, offering services such as summer camp, fitness facilities, a public art center, a business accelerator, an event center, and more. We receive over 1,000 visitors per day on average and often more than that on any given day. All persons using or visiting our JCC facilities will benefit from increased security and lives may very well be saved. The educational component will help in the fight against antisemitism. Everyone who visits our properties is at risk regardless of their faith, race, or ethnicity.

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

Visitors to the Shanna and Bryan Glazer JCC will experience a higher level of safety. This funding will allow us to be as prepared as possible to deal with life-threatening situations. We serve as first stop for security information throughout the community and a conduit to those with the greatest expertise.

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

All users of and visitors to the Shanna and Bryan Glazer JCC will benefit from this increased security. Greater than 1,000 people visit the JCC every day and, on some days, that number exceeds 2,000 visitors. We estimate that greater than 300,000 people visit this JCC every year.

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

We hope that we never have to demonstrate how prepared we are to deal with emergency situations, but chances are we will at some point. The expected benefit is that our preparedness will save lives and prevent any harm intended for our members, guests, and staff. This will be an ongoing effort and, in light of the significant growth of antisemitism in our state, country, and around the world and the war in Israel, there's no end in sight. We will also continue to provide educational programs for young people of all faiths to help combat antisemitism.

**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?**

If we don't meet the performance measures for the contract, we are prepared to return the funds.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**  No



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**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:**

**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**



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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

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.*