



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2010

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Club Challenge is a unique program of Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc. in Clay County Florida. The purpose of Club Challenge is to provide transitional support to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are currently in limbo and suffering from a lack of supportive services. These adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are isolated from the community because they are: unfunded; on the waitlist for the iBudget waiver through the Agency for Persons with Disabilities; employed individuals; senior citizens; and retirees. Club Challenge provides an essential service to the community by offering a program where Club members can gain and maintain meaningful life qualities such as employment training, advocacy training, social skills training, transportation training, financial literacy, and health and safety training, while giving back to the community through volunteerism and education.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	275,000	246A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

none



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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)?

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	Project Manager salary and benefits	78,050
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Direct care wages and benefits for 2 full time Activity Leaders, 1 part time Activity Leader, and 1 full time Activity Assistant; staff have successfully been screened through the Florida Clearinghouse. Staff have completed and will adhere to APD training requirements for their assigned duties and person centered planning.	196,369
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses will include utilities for the Club, equipment upgrades, additional technology and software for the visually and hearing impaired, educational and enrichment needs, expendable supplies for the facility and business supplies for the operations.	25,581
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Club Challenge supports the intellectually and developmentally disabled in the community who have unmet needs due to lack of funding and supportive services. Club Challenge is the bridge for this vulnerable population who desire to feel valued by their community and to participate in meaningful life activities that satisfy their personal goals such as: expand their interests and abilities, engage in volunteer service, learn about taking care of themselves, and explore the possibility of work.

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

The Club members and their families receive education, guidance, support, training, and peer mentor-ship. The Club members will have multiple opportunities to choose formal and informal activities that include: healthy living sessions, financial literacy, advocacy training and group meetings, recreational events, arts and culture programs, volunteer service at local nonprofits to gain job skills, preemployment training sessions, job searching and referral services to Vocational Rehabilitation for Job Placement and On-the-Job training, and transportation training to access local public transportation as well as alternatives. Members and staff decide on regular scheduled activities posted on a calendar and shared on the Club Challenge Facebook page for members to select activities and training sessions.

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

The trained Activity Leaders and Assistants will work directly with the adult's providing supervision, education, guidance, support, and training. The direct care staff will work directly with the adults to design personalized plans that will meet their personal goals and review quarterly. The staff will also introduce new activities to enrich the lives of the members. Staff will encourage Club members to participate in sessions that enhance and improve their hard skills and soft skills, to learn about money management, to participate in informal activities developing social skills, escorting the individuals (small groups) to nonprofits for volunteer service hours and job skill development while gaining stamina, transportation training to use the new limited commuter service, and learning to advocate for themselves. The services are available Monday through Friday and there are two evening events each month that include family members and friends.

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

The target population is unfunded adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the North Florida area of Clay and Duval County. Membership is expected to exceed forty enrolled members monthly with at least twenty-five members engaged in activities each month.

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

1. 100% of members who receive training about their rights and how to report abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
2. 85% of Club Challenge applicants who enroll in the Club Challenge Program shall complete a least (1) personal interest goal identified on their IIP.
3. 85% of program members with a recreational goal on their IIP shall engage in community recreational activities through participation in off-site recreational activities.
4. 80% of program members with an advocacy goal on their IIP shall attend Advocacy Group Activities.
5. 85% of program members with a social goal on their IIP shall demonstrate an increased awareness and knowledge of social skills and inclusion through participation in monthly friends and family events.
6. 85% of Club Challenge Program members with an employment goal on their IIP shall attend at least (1) employment training session with a variety of employment related topics. Club Challenge will offer members training on public transportation.

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 Club Challenge falls below the minimum requirements as established in the APD Objectives and Anticipated Results as the program enters the fourth quarter of this year, then a probationary period of six months will be established effective the first day of the new funding year. During this probationary period, Club Challenge must increase its results by 30% to continue the program. If 80% of deliverables are not met after the completion of the probationary period, then a per capital arrangement will be established between Challenge Enterprises and APD effective the first day of the third quarter funded year until the minimum percentage is achieved and reported to APD monitoring personnel.

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

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?



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- 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

b. Municipality and County



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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.