



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2111

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The proposed bill will allocate funding to the OBSI Project, a Florida-based nonprofit, for a pilot initiative implementing the OBSI Service & Education Model at two Juvenile Justice Residential Facilities. The model focuses on enhancing safety, staff training, and support services to address the complex behavioral and educational needs of juvenile justice-involved youth. By utilizing data-driven decision-making, the OBSI Service & Education Model delivers improved outcomes, operational efficiency, and a safer, more effective residential environment.

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	799,851
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	799,851

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)	799,851	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	799,851	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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Once fully implemented, recurring funds will support the full-time Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA), Accelerated Learning Center Director, and two Precision Teachers for direct education services. Consulting will be reduced to 6 hours per month, with additional training and coaching needs met by the BCBA and Center Director. Future funding may come from grants, private donors, or reallocated state funds from cost savings achieved through improved operations and youth services.

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?

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	This part-time OBSI Consultant position will bring project management expertise implementing an Accelerated Learning Center in a juvenile residential facility. Key responsibilities include creating protocols to incorporate data dashboard insights into daily operations, managing project budgets and deliverable development, and facilitating communication among stakeholders.	70,984
Other Salary and Benefits	NA	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This funding will cover the cost of Zoho Analytics software for one year to power the new data dashboard. The dashboard offers secure, controlled access to core data and enables the development of custom displays that showcase specific youth and staff outcomes, operational costs, and other key metrics. These insights will support leadership in evaluating staff performance, optimizing operations, and making data-driven resource allocation decisions to better address youth needs.	2,700
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This temporary role will fund the OBSI Project's Data Analytics Engineer to develop a custom data dashboard and establish protocols and procedures to support the new data infrastructure. The dashboard will deliver comprehensive snapshots of key data, including youth and staff metrics, as well as facility-wide performance indicators. This will help build and sustain a system of data-driven decision-making to enhance youth services and facility operations.	30,000



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Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	To address challenges related to complex youth behavior issues, funding will support one full-time Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) with experience in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). The BCBA will establish an MTSS program to address individual youth behavioral concerns and deliver evidence-based interventions, such as Applied Behavior Analysis. This position will be filled by a BCBA with prior experience in juvenile justice settings.	110,847
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	.Additional expenses and supplies include specialized curriculum and resources tailored for students needing learning accommodations, as well as funding for incentives—such as special activities and snacks—for youth and staff who meet individual and group goals. This funding will also cover the Precision X software, which will be used to track student progress in Precision Teaching at the Accelerated Learning Center.	23,720
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	OBSI Project’s Consultants specializing in Forensic Child Psychiatry, Safety and Security, and Behavioral & Organizational Systems will provide ongoing Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) to support facility staff and leadership. For the Accelerated Learning Center, funding will also support the OBSI Education Model Consultant, a Center Director, as well as two accelerated learning instructors.	561,600
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		799,851

13. Program Performance

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

The goal of these funds is to implement the Outcome-Based, Science-Informed (OBSI) Service & Education Model in Juvenile Justice residential facilities to improve youth outcomes and enhance facility operations, including safety, security, and staff retention. The funds will also support the establishment of an Accelerated Learning Center to help students who are two or more grade levels behind catch up academically and the development of a customized virtual dashboard to facilitate data-driven decisions regarding youth and facility needs.

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

Funding will support behavior science-informed interventions, such as Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), for youth with unique behavioral needs. Intensive educational services will be provided to students who are more than two grade levels behind. Additionally, facility staff and administrators will receive direct training and coaching through a behavior science-informed performance improvement framework to enhance their skills and effectiveness.

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

For youth, behavior interventions use individualized plans to teach skills and strategies for managing difficult situations, while the Accelerated Learning Center enables learners to progress at their own pace and achieve academic success. Addressing the needs of youth with special behavioral and educational challenges enhances safety for all, reducing facility disruptions and enabling more time for programs that benefit all youth. Staff training, including workshops, follow-up coaching, and data-based feedback, will ensure improved competency and consistency in safety and security operations.

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

The target population directly served by these funds includes residential facility staff receiving regular training and support, as well as incarcerated youth benefiting from expanded behavioral services and specialized educational support within the facilities. These direct services are expected to impact up to 200 youth and 100 direct floor staff and administrators. Indirectly, the improved and expanded services will positively affect youth success upon returning to their local communities and schools, contributing to lower recidivism rates and safer communities.

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



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be measured?

The OBSI Service Model will deliver significant benefits for both facility operations and youth outcomes. For facility operations, benefits include reduced injuries, improved staff retention, less understaffing and overwork, enhanced staff wellbeing, fewer youth behavioral issues, and more positive staff-youth interactions. For youth, the model will provide improved mental and behavioral health services, accelerated learning and increased support for youth with special education needs, more time for activities for all youth, and fewer youth and staff related incidents. Outcomes will be tracked before, during, and after implementation and compared to similar facilities. The project will also generate taxpayer savings by reducing costs for injuries, workers' compensation, overtime, and excessive turnover. Ultimately, the cost per youth per year will decrease while delivering better outcomes for youth and facility operations.

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 the contracting agency cannot meet expectations described in the special request then the contract will not be renewed.

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#:

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



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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

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.