



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2134

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The goal of this funding is to build a new infant/toddler center to increase the number of quality early childhood slots (N=58) in the Tampa/Hillsborough community, renovate an existing campus for 3 -5-year-olds (N=118) and buildout a food pantry and produce garden to address families' food insecurities. The proposed project will change three city blocks in a blighted area of the East Tampa Community and should be replicated in other communities similar to the East Tampa Community

**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	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>3,000,000</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)	3,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>3,000,000</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		

**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?

7/30/2026

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

7/30/2028

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

King's Kids has a continual revenue funding stream from the provision of services (i.e., tuition payments from parents for services rendered).

### 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.

King's Kids Christian Academy of Tampa, Inc. is a 501(c)(3). It has a Board of Directors with Thomas Scott serving as CEO of the Board of Directors.

### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	An exclusive infant/toddler (ages 6 weeks to 3 years) center will be built, and the 38-year-old existing facility will be renovated that will continue to serve children ages 3 - 5 years. Additionally, buildout a food pantry and produce garden to address families' food insecurities.	3,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>3,000,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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

A high-quality environment will be created to provide services to young children at a most crucial time during their brains' development. The high-quality environment plus the instructional services provided will support these children to be ready to read on the third-grade level by third grade. Moreover, parents will be able to secure childcare services for their young children that will enable them to engage in the workforce, and businesses will have access to the intellectual capital needed to produce profits for their businesses.

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

A high-quality early childhood environment will be created to 1) offer working parents a secure quality environment for their young children, 2) improve businesses access to a 'ready' workforce, 3) reduce employees' absences, 4) improve young children's preparedness to successfully navigate the K-12 schooling process, 5) help families to address their food insecurities.

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

Young children, ages 6-weeks to 5 years. A total of 176 infants/toddlers to children ages 5 years old.

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

Young children (six weeks to 5 years old) will have a quality environment in which to receive instruction to prepare them to successfully navigate the K-12 schooling process. The metrics to measure success: 1) reduced children's absentee rates; 2) reduced parents' absentee rates from the workforce due to lack of early childhood services; 3) increase parents' advocacy skills that will lead to a more stabilized family unit; and 4) healthier family units.

**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?**

The project's funding will be returned to the State of Florida.

**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



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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)

d. First Name  Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.



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#### 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.*