



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2142

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

4. Project/Program Description

A private not-for-profit organization, Very Special Arts (currently named Arts4All Florida) is headquartered in the College of Education at USF. The funding will support art education programs for disabled students in schools, Department of Juvenile Justice facilities, and community centers; promote the accomplishments of artists with disabilities through our artist registry, exhibitions, and performances; and increase access to the arts through professional learning workshops.

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	166,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	166,000

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)	166,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	334,000	67%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	500,000	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		
2024-25	334,000	0	106	Yes

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



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Funding will be used to hire and retain additional program staff to meet the increased demand in the state for the program.	166,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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)		166,000

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?



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The funding will be used for Arts4All to provide and expand services for Floridians with disabilities and provide access to appropriate arts education and cultural experiences, training for art educators in schools to be able to provide accessible instruction and provide individuals with disabilities who aspire to careers in the arts with opportunities to develop, strengthen & monetize skills.

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

Arts4All Florida provides programs that make it possible for people with disabilities to contribute to the social, cultural, and economic life of Florida. The programs have demonstrated success in increasing artistic skills, fostering creativity, promoting social skills, teaching marketable skills, and providing new ways of communication for people with disabilities.

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

Developmentally disabled, preschool students, grade school students, high school students. >800 served by this project.

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

Arts4All provides Floridians with disabilities access to appropriate arts education and provides individuals with disabilities who aspire to careers in the arts with opportunities to develop, strengthen & monetize skills. The number of people around the state that are served through the in-person, virtual programs, and artist in residence programs. Cultural experiences training for art educators in schools to be able to provide accessible instruction. Cultural experiences training for art educators in schools to be able to provide accessible instruction.

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?

Reduced or discontinued funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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:



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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

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.