



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2158

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

4. Project/Program Description

Provide childcare vouchers for military families and tax credits to childcare centers and childcare family homes committed to serving military families with extended hours of operations near Mac Dill Air Force Base as a pilot for other military bases in Florida. Funding would also fund childcare centers and childcare family homes serving weekends. Start-up and continued operational tax credits to ensure affordable childcare for military families provide incentives for young families to serve.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	12,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	12,000,000

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)	12,000,000	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	12,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? 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.

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	Cover cost of operational expenses related to organizing and managing eligibility for the military families and childcare centers/family childcare homes/childcare start-ups/continued operations (5% of the requested appropriation)	520,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cover cost of community outreach to create awareness around the military childcare program, working with local community partners and government officials to promote this opportunity, including costs for marketing and travel across Hillsborough County	80,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Cover the cost of tax credits, childcare vouchers for military families, and data research regarding the project.	11,400,000
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)		12,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

Improve the quality of education: Improve kindergarten readiness for military families and provide affordable ample childcare options for military children with extended hours including weekends for drop-in childcare. Provide those who protect our freedoms with affordable childcare while they serve our country. This is specific to members serving out of the Mac Dill air force base.



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

Active military families will receive childcare vouchers, childcare facilities that choose to remain open during extended hours will receive funding, owners and newcomers who choose to build centers near the military base will receive a tax credit toward start-up costs.

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

Children of military families will receive affordable early education, military parents will receive financial relief, childcare centers that choose to open for extended hours to serve the military children will be eligible for tax credits, and childcare business owners who choose to build childcare centers or childcare family homes near a military facility will receive a start-up tax credit.

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

As a pilot, this Military Childcare Act is specific to members serving out of the Mac Dill air force base.

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

Improve kindergarten readiness for military families and provide affordable ample childcare options for military children with extended hours including weekends for drop-in childcare.

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?

Repayment and return of the allocated funds.

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



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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