



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2305

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Arc of Bradford County is looking to expand it's business operations to promote economic development for the agency and the individuals which it serves. As a rural area of opportunity, we believe this program will provide the investment needed to promote sustainability in the agency and long-term growth for the community. Specifically, this funding will expand transportation to and from work for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who lack transportation services, provide more job opportunities for those individuals, and will increase the economic impact in the community at large.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	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	500,000	246A	Yes

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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?

08/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2026

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

By investing operating funding and capital to this project, we believe it will create economic growth through expanding our business model and will generate additional revenue to ensure sustainability of the program.

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.

The Arc is a private not-for-profit corporation that does not have any beneficial ownership.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Vehicles to transport individuals to and from work. Commercial Medium Duty Vehicle to transport products. Additional equipment necessary to operate and expand businesses.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and renovation to include paving gravel parking area, expanding and enclosing outer storage structure at current facility, and updating kitchen facilities to commercial grade.	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

This goals of these funds is to build the capacity of the Arc to provide quality services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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

Operating funds will be used to purchase vehicles to transport individuals to employment opportunities, as well as provide transport of commodities, and purchase equipment necessary to expand work opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Fixed capital funds will be used to improve the facilities ability to expand work production and house equipment needed for the business.

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

Transportation services will be expanded and provided to individuals to be able to get to and from work. Job opportunities will be provided to individuals that we serve and expand our ability to employ more people.

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

The target population served by this project are persons with poor mental health, elderly persons, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, and developmentally disabled persons.

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

The expected outcomes include improved mental health services and expansion, transportation, increased economic activity, creating immediate job opportunities, and enhancing individual's self-sufficiency. Measurements include self-report and assessments, staff observations, quantifiable data from increased numbers in various categories, supplemental information and training, and co-occurring services through the program.

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?

Suggested penalties would involve corrective action plans and return of funding that it unused from this project.

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:



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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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