



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2399

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Ohel continues to offer and expand trainings to educators and professionals to meet the mental health needs of youth by fostering resilience and wellbeing through our social-emotional learning curricula and resources as well as substance abuse prevention work. Ohel has a dedicated trauma team across S Florida, specializing in crisis response, resilience and support services for acute traumas such as drownings, suicides, sudden deaths, fatal diagnoses, natural disasters and community tragedies.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>400,000</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)	400,000	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>400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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 available at this time

**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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Florida Trauma Coordinator	63,814
Other Salary and Benefits	School Based Coordinator, Development & Engagement Specialist	40,931
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Advertising and outreach, administrative travel	16,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program Manager, Community engagement specialists	218,958
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Community events, family bereavement retreat, program supplies, trainer travel, staff training, tablet and phone chargers	60,297
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>400,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

Children and teachers using Ohel's resilience resources will learn skills, tools, and language to help them cope with life's challenges. A school that uses a trauma informed approach with their students and faculty enables children to grow academically, socially, and emotionally creating a stronger and more resilient next generation. Communities, families and individuals are strengthened when there are positive interventions for trauma and grief and substance abuse prevention.

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



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Ohel will provide parent, teacher and student education to promote resilience, wellbeing and trauma-sensitivity to better meet the mental-health needs of youth and social-emotional, resilience and substance use prevention resources and programs for students from preschool through high school age. We will conduct trauma support and crisis intervention for schools, families and communities.

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

Citizens will receive preventative resilience education on to help strengthen and build mental capacity as well as being provided with crises response and trauma interventions when faced with a tragedy and substance abuse issues.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, victims of crime.

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

- enhance educators and students' resilience and well-being with the understanding of resilience as a parallel process in building student wellbeing
- trauma team ensures access to mental health interventions
- enhance individual's coping and increase their ability to connect to resources in the aftermath of traumatic events
- build community resilience
- Ohel's Communities Confronting Substance Use & Addiction preventative programming for students, educators, parents and communities provides education regarding substance use prevention, with the goal of enhancing students' refusal skills and understanding of the harm/dangers of substance abuse. This directly addresses the serious drug use amongst today's youth and the risk of overdose and death

**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?**

A detailed spending plan and deliverables will be provided to the agency. Ohel will ensure transparency and efficient use of funds to serve children, families and educators in South Florida.

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#:**



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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.

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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