



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2796

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds requested for FCC's Fit4Life Program will provide free soccer-based programming for at-risk youth (ages 6-18) in Miami-Dade, integrating movement, mental health, mentorship, and mastery (financial literacy). The project aims to enhance physical/ mental health, resilience, trauma healing, and civic engagement, as well as foster economic self-sufficiency by offering youth workforce development opportunities to work as coaches creating a positive ripple effect within the 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	99,780
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	99,780

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)	99,780	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	99,780	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		

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	FCC USA will employ 10 Certified Trauma-Informed Soccer Coaches to serve 1000 youth annually through 90-minute soccer sessions twice weekly for 42 weeks. Each coach will work 12.5 hours per week at \$19/hour, totaling \$99,960. Coaches will also provide mentorship and connect youth to referral services for nutrition education, mental health counseling, and dental care, fostering holistic well-being.	99,780
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	In-kind donated equipment from the US Soccer Foundation have been provided already to provide programming.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	FCC uses its proprietary data system, SIMEON, to track participant progress, establishing baselines and measuring quarterly improvements. This cost-effective tool provides real-time insights into physical, emotional, and social development without requiring third-party contractors, and the data will be shared by the end of the project.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		99,780

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?

The program will serve 1000 participants (ages 6-18) on a full year academic program- with 10 Trauma and resilient - Informed Coaches providing 90-minute sessions twice weekly for 42 weeks. Activities include recreational soccer, mentorship, mental health, and financial literacy workshops, as well as referrals to free counseling, nutrition and dental services. Youth will gain career readiness through education and paid workforce development opportunities.

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

FCC USA will provide free after-school programming to 1000 local participants (ages 6-18) from Little Havana, Hialeah and Homestead- through FIT4LIFE Program using recreational soccer integrated with wrap-around services, as well financial and career readiness education. Engaging participants locally twice weekly for 10 months at our partner schools, parks and non- profits. FIT 4 LIFE will also lead a leadership cohort as part of our Education and Youth Workforce Development for our high school participants to develop career readiness.

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

This project serves 1000 children and youth (ages 6-18) in Homestead, Little Havana, and Hialeah, where over 80% qualify for free or reduced lunch, reflecting significant financial hardship. Many families lack the income for structured youth sports, creating barriers to participation. This program removes cost barriers and provides transferable skills in leadership, teamwork, and financial literacy—critical for college readiness and workforce success. By integrating mentorship, career exploration, and goal setting, we offer tools to break cycles of intergenerational scarcity and promote economic mobility.

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

This project enhances physical and mental health, decision-making, school performance, and workforce readiness. 80% of participants will develop knowledge of health and financial literacy, confidence in making healthy choices, and improved emotional and cognitive functioning. School performance will strengthen, with 80% showing better attendance and teacher-reported progress. Among youth ages 14-18, 80% will complete the Youth Leadership Academy, earning certification in coaching and mentorship through Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Honors Academic Internship Program, equipping them with career-ready skills. FCC USA tracks impact through SIMEON, using pre/post surveys, standardized assessments, certification completion rates, and quarterly follow-ups to ensure progress in health, education, and career pathways.

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?

FCC ensures compliance with state appropriations by promptly addressing deficiencies through root cause analysis and targeted corrective measures, such as process adjustments, staff training, and resource reallocation. Progress is monitored via performance metrics and audits, with oversight from the Executive Director and Board of Directors. Regular updates are provided to stakeholders, reflecting FCC USA's commitment to accountability, continuous improvement, and impactful use of state funds.

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):



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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:

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)



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- 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

d. Phone Number

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