



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2867

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Temple Beth-El is undergoing security improvements at the Temple as a response to increased antisemitic activity since the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel by Hamas. In response to a state-funded security assessment, state funding would support the purchase and installation of security-rated glass in classrooms (consistent with Pinellas County Schools standards) and Temple sanctuary, upgrades to doors connecting the sanctuary to Early Childhood Center classrooms, installation of interior security cameras and fabricated metal over vulnerable windows, a restricted access system, and security guards during classroom hours until the hardening is complete. The Temple serves 370 families, hosts weekly services with 200 attendees, a year-round Early Childhood Center (80 children), Sunday School (80 children) and Wednesday school (30 children). High Holy days attendance exceeds 500 attendees and the Temple hosts an annual festival that brings 10,000 local residents to the Temple.

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	75,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>475,000</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)	475,000	46%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	84,928	8%
Local	0	0%
Other	475,000	46%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,034,928</b>	<b>100%</b>

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	350,000	111	No

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.



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Temple members contributed to security funding; this year the recommended amount of that commitment was increased from \$125 per family to \$250 per family. As of 12/1/2024 Temple has collected \$50,000 from Temple members. The Temple will also engage in a fundraising campaign, currently in the planning stages, to raise additional support for Temple security hardening, including features recommended by the security assessment.

## 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?

03/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

9/1/2027

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

Membership commitments and gifts

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.

Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg, a 501(c)(3), will receive these funds and owns the facility and property for this project.

### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Security Personnel Expenses for the Early Childhood Center, services and widely attended community events	75,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expenses associated with hardening the facility including, but not limited to, installation of security-rated glass in classrooms (consistent with Pinellas County Schools standards) and the sanctuary, metal window framing that prevents access if windows are broken, additional cameras, and upgraded restricted access systems in vulnerable areas.	400,000



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<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>	<b>475,000</b>
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**13. Program Performance**

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

Teachers, children and families who use the Early Childhood Center (which includes VPK students) will be able to learn in a safe and secure environment. The increased hardening measures will greatly reduce the need for security personnel for both internal events and external community events.

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

State funding will increase security for 370 families, 160 children and the greater St Petersburg community which makes significant use of the facility including an annual festival held at the Temple attended by 10,000 local residents. State funding will also enable Temple Beth-El to engage security personnel during school hours, services and widely attended events, and prepare staff, parents, congregants and visitors to respond effectively to antisemitic or violent attacks or hate crimes.

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

Enhanced security at Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg will protect the 370 families, 160 children at the Sunday and Wednesday Schools and the Early Childhood Center which meets Monday-Friday year-round, and the greater St. Petersburg community which makes significant use of the facility including an annual festival held at the Temple attended by 10,000 local residents, from external threats to their safety.

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

The 370 families who are members of Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg, 80 children who attend the Early Childhood Center and Sunday School and 30 students who attend Wednesday evening school and programming. The Temple also provides community for many of its elderly congregants. The greater St Petersburg community attends educational and social programming at Temple, and over 10,000 residents attend the annual art festival. More than 13,000 individuals will be served.

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

Increased security for 370 families, 160 children and the greater St Petersburg community which makes significant use of the facility including the Temple's annual art festival which is attended by 10,000 local residents. The increased hardening measures will greatly reduce the need for security personnel for both internal events and external community events achieved with completion of facility hardening measures.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

**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?**



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- 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)
- Local Entity



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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.*