



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2906

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funds will support Phase Two Completion of infrastructure hardening for The Arc of Palm Beach County's south campus in Palm Springs, FL. The campus includes an on-site Café that doubles as a hospitality training site for adults with disabilities. Hardening of the campus will allow the Café to serve as a food distribution hub for 500+ people at three meals per day in an emergency, creating a new community resource for emergency preparedness and action. The Arc of Palm Beach County has raised \$300,000 towards Phase 2 Completion of the project.

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	190,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	410,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>600,000</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)	600,000	67%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	300,000	33%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		
2024-25	0	1,300,000		No

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

### 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

02/10/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/31/2026

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

1) Private Philanthropy/Grants –major gifts, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships. 2) Program Revenue – Fees for services, vocational training programs, other revenue-generating activities. 3) Government Funding – Existing state, federal, and local funding sources that support programs for individuals with disabilities. 4) Partnerships & Endowments – Strategic partnerships with businesses and community organizations.

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 of Palm Beach County owns the facility and will receive the fixed capital outlay funding.

### 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	Consultants/contracted services oversee and execute key aspects of the building's construction. This includes architectural/engineering firms for design and structural planning, general contractors for construction management, and specialized subcontractors for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, and accessibility modifications. Consultants will ensure compliance with regulations, budget oversight, and timely completion of the project. These experts will work collaboratively to deliver a high-quality,	190,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Interior hardening completion includes lighting, flooring, technology, security and back flow/fire safety.	410,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>600,000</b>



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**13. Program Performance**

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

Funds will support completion of infrastructure hardening of the building. The primary hazards facing PBC include natural disasters (i.e., hurricanes/tropical storms), extreme weather events (i.e., drought, floods, fires), communicable disease, technological hazards and human-caused hazards (PBC Div. of Emergency Management). About 94% of the county's population resides within 12 miles of the Atlantic coast, making hurricanes a primary emergency concern. This project will protect the safety of clients and team members on campus, while creating a hardened food distribution hub capable of serving meals to 500 people per day in an emergency.

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

Hardening will be completed by summer 2026 concurrent with ongoing renovation activities. Funds will be used to complete the interior of the building including lighting, flooring, security, and fire safety. Upon completion the space will provide shelter with the capacity to produce meals for about 500 local community members per day. The Cafe is managed and operated by Arc team members who train and oversee workers with disabilities. Trainees currently provide meals to 90 adults with disabilities each day, providing food security to a vulnerable population.

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

The Arc of Palm Beach County operates 7 group homes across Palm Beach County, serving over 50 residents with disabilities. Further, The Arc has capital funding to construct an on-site hurricane/storm shelter for 70 local clients and families. This project allows us to ensure food security during an emergency for our residents as well as other community members.

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

The south campus and cafe serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Hardening will enhance safety and security for 200 clients and team members who frequent the campus each day, while creating a community resource for emergency food distribution. The Cafe currently provides employment training for 20 adults per year through the program.

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

Direct outcomes include improving the agency's infrastructure through hardening and providing access to local food in the event of an emergency. Construction will meet hurricane codes and will result in the capacity to maintain a food distribution hub. Secondary outcomes include up to 50 adults with disabilities per year receiving vocational training in hospitality and service industry.

**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?**

If we fail to meet the deliverables described in this application, we will negotiate return of 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):**

**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.*