



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2907

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

OATS is requesting \$854,461 to support and maintain the operation of our new Senior Planet Center in Miami alongside the development of a network of community-based partner sites to serve as host locations for Senior Planet's award-winning digital literacy programming. The Senior Planet Center in Miami is a technology-themed community center for older adults that will welcome the region's residents with a complete range of mainstream technologies and a rich slate of multilingual programming.

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	854,461
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	854,461

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)	854,461	74%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	292,947	26%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,147,408	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		
2024-25	0	854,461	2777	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.**

OATS is supported by various foundations as well as AARP, with whom we are affiliated.



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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)?

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	Executive Director oversight of program.	25,978
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative and Finance staff support for program.	51,169
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel to Miami for Executive staff. Travel to headquarter location and community sites.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Staff and Trainer expenses for program operations at the Miami Senior Planet Center and Partner Sites.	463,683
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Occupancy expenses for Miami Senior Planet Center, Travel expenses for outreach and training at partner sites, Course Books for program participants, Computer equipment for program delivery, website, software and marketing costs.	308,631
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		854,461

13. Program Performance

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



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Older Adults Technology Services, Inc. (OATS) is requesting \$854,461 for the expansion and operation of the Senior Planet Center in Miami alongside the development of a network of community-based partner sites to serve as host locations for Senior Planet’s award-winning digital literacy programming. The Center is a technology-themed community center for older adults that will welcome residents with a complete range of mainstream technologies and a rich slate of multilingual programming.

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

This project will offer a range of tech-themed programs to individuals aged 60+ living in South Florida. OATS will offer technology access alongside programs designed specifically for older learners at the Senior Planet Center in Wynwood and at dozens of partner locations throughout the region. Programs are free and accessible virtually for those who are unable to attend.

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

OATS has an extensive library of proprietary curriculum covering all aspects of technology from device fundamentals to social media, privacy, job searching, and much more. OATS will use its library of multilingual materials (English, Spanish) and is translating many titles into Haitian. Most programs are delivered live, in-person by trained OATS instructors and are comprised of multiple sessions.

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

The target population for this project is older adults living in the Miami area. More specifically, individuals aged 60 and older. With this funding, OATS anticipates serving approximately 5,000 individuals.

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

Expected outcomes for older adult participants include: improving mental health (75% will feel more connected to others, 50% will feel less alone); improving quality of education (90% will report satisfaction with the quality of education they receive through Senior Planet); protecting the public from harm (70% will feel more confident about staying safe- and recognizing scams when using email or the internet); enhancing individuals’ economic self-sufficiency (80% will feel better equipped to find resources online to improve their life and save money).

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?

Corrective action plans may be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance. Financial penalties may be imposed for failures to implement or to make acceptable progress on such corrective action plans. Increments of penalty imposition shall apply and shall be based upon the severity of the noncompliance, nonperformance, or unacceptable performance that generated the need for corrective action plan.

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



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- 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
- University or College
- Other (please specify)



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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.