



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3001

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To fund continued capital improvements to The Arc Gateway's Pearl Nelson Center. At this location, children who have been identified as having significant developmental delays or diagnosed disabilities receive the therapies and early intervention that is necessary to prepare them for a future of success. The facility housing the program is old and in disrepair, necessitating renovations to continue to safely provide services to children and their families.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	400,000
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	400,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	800,000	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	400,000	111	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.

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)? Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 01/03/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 06/01/2026

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

The project is currently being funded through a FY 25 appropriation. Additionally, local vendors and agency stakeholders have agreed to support the project through donations of time, manpower and materials allowing for the maximum usage of the appropriated dollars.

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 Gateway, Inc.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Continued renovations and improvements to the building including windows, doors, flooring, interior structural changes, lighting, roof, parking lot, signage, etc.	400,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funding is to continue capital improvements to The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center so that children with developmental delays or disabilities receiving therapies and early intervention services can utilize an efficient facility that meets their unique needs.

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



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Renovations and improvements to the building and property including windows, doors, flooring, interior structural changes, lighting, new roof, parking lot, etc.

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

This facility will continue to house children's therapy and early intervention services provided to residents of both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties. Last year, over 1,000 unique children received services from The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center.

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

The targeted population is children with identified developmental delays and/or disability diagnoses. We intend to serve as many children as possible and will meet last year's milestone of 960 children. Family members and other caregivers of these children receive indirect benefit of services as well.

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

Research shows that the 80% of brain development occurs by the age of 2. Therefore, identifying those children who would benefit from therapy and intervention is vitally important to their future success. Research also indicates that for every \$1 invested in these critical services, up to \$17 in savings can be realized in the reduced need for special education, healthcare services and reduction in abuse and neglect cases. The Arc Gateway Pearl Nelson Center measures progress towards goals in physical, mental, emotional and social development. Preparing children for kindergarten and equipping them with the tools necessary is at the forefront of daily activities. Providing these services in a facility which can meet their unique needs is paramount to their success.

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?

Return of partial or full funding

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#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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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

b. Firm Name



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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