



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3040

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

It is the goal of the mentoring program to improve college readiness and retention rates and improve workforce readiness amongst under-resourced Miami youth. The program design provides ongoing opportunities for youth to engage in college preparatory and workforce readiness activities at a variety of sites throughout South Florida. OYC's College and Career Readiness component offers effective year-round college preparation services which increase the number of youth enrolling in college, imparts knowledge of the college admissions and financial aid process and improves preparedness for post secondary success.

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	351,185
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	351,185

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)	351,185	82%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	75,000	18%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	426,185	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.

OCCY will continue to actively pursue federal and foundational funding opportunities to expand its impact, sustain community programs, and support local entrepreneurs. By leveraging diverse funding sources, OCCY aims to enhance economic growth, youth development, and long-term community resilience.



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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	25% of the Executive Director's salary and fringe benefits	27,750
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Impact Officers: 33% of Salary & 11% of Fringe Benefits Program Manager: 100% of Salary & 11% of Fringe Benefits Administrative Asst.: 25% of Salary % 11% of Fringe Benefits Data Evaluator: 25% of Salary	116,704
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The funding requested in this line item will cover travel, office supplies, assessment tools, program supplies, and equipment essential for implementing the OPEN initiative. These resources will ensure efficient program delivery, proper evaluation of impact, and seamless coordination among partners to support youth success.	34,931
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The direct services and operational costs for the OPEN partners: Metro Mommy Agency, URGENT, Inc. YWCA Greater Miami, Just Write Consulting, Do Good 4-1, Touching Miami with Love, Dr. Dunn's Garden, Future Leaders in Hospitality & Tourism, Suited for Success, Affirming Youth, Overtown Youth Center, Girl Power, and Fatherhood Enrichment. Professional development training for the Consultants, contracted service providers, and staff.	171,800
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		351,185



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13. Program Performance

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

Overtown Promise and Empowerment Neighborhood (OPEN) ensures every child in Overtown has access to a Cradle-to-Career framework, guiding them from early learning to post-secondary success. Funding will support academic readiness, career pathways, and social services, removing barriers to graduation and workforce entry. With targeted programs, mentorship, and family engagement, OPEN empowers youth to break cycles of poverty and build a future of education, opportunity, and success.

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

OPEN will provide early childhood learning, academic support, career training, mental health services, and family engagement programs. Activities include tutoring, internships, social-emotional learning, workforce readiness, and community resource access. These services ensure all participants receive holistic support, empowering youth and families toward long-term success

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

Funds provide direct services through the Cradle-to-Career model, benefiting families with children & youth (ages 0-25). Services include maternal health, early childhood learning, academic support, STEAM, case management, social-emotional learning, career & college readiness, and post-secondary support. These programs ensure holistic development, stability, and economic mobility for all families.

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

The Target Population for the OPEN Initiative includes and we will provide services to 200 individuals and families:
 Persons with Poor Mental Health
 Economically Disadvantaged Persons
 At-Risk Youth and Individuals
 Preschool Students
 Grade School Students (Elementary and Middle School)
 High School Students
 University/College Students

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

Outcome: Increase high school graduation rates and track pathways to self-sufficiency among at-risk students in the Overtown community.

Tracking Method: We will monitor student progress through partnerships with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, tracking attendance, GPA, credit accumulation, and graduation rates. Additionally, we will track post-graduation pathways, including college enrollment, vocational training, and employment, using follow-up surveys and case management systems to measure self-sufficiency progress.

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 deliverables or performance measures are not met on time, the contracted entity must submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) within 30 days, detailing steps to address deficiencies and ensure compliance. Additionally, 10-20% of payments may be withheld until measurable progress is demonstrated. Repeated failure to meet key performance indicators may lead to reduced eligibility for future funding allocations.

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)



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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:

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	Anthony	Last Name	Robinson
b. Organization	Overtown Children and Youth Coalition		
c. E-mail Address	Anthony@overtowncyc.org		
d. Phone Number	(786)373-5862	Ext.	

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	Overtown Children and Youth Coalition
b. Municipality and County	Miami-Dade
c. Organization Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit Entity	



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- 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

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.