



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3144

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	30,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	570,000
Total State Funds Requested	600,000

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)	600,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	600,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,200,000	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		

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)? No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction? 10/06/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction? 11/20/2026

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

Organizational revenue, foundation grants, individual donations, and fundraisers.

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 Jack and Lee Rosen Jewish Community Center is a registered 501c3 nonprofit. The CEO is Ofira Bondorowsky and the current President of the Board is Shellie Spear.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project oversight and management	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Comprehensive planning and oversight for interior and exterior architecture, electrical systems, construction, and engineering.	10,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program specialist to establish community partnerships and engagements to ensure future growth and sustainability.	10,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Capital improvements and expansion of the community center, including construction, flooring, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fitness and recreation equipment, wellness spaces, cooking and food prep areas, furnishings, program supplies, emergency equipment, parking lot and security improvements for accessibility and safety.	570,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		600,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

Seniors aged 65+ will benefit from programs supporting their physical, mental, and social well-being, including fitness classes, health consultations, and immunizations.

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

A broad range of programs to support physical, mental, and social well-being, including fitness classes, cultural events, medical consultations, immunizations, preventive and rehabilitative care, annual health fairs, workshops on technology, financial planning, cognitive health, healthy cooking, and meaningful volunteer opportunities— all under one roof at the community center.

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

Adults aged 65 and older. The center aims to serve at least 100-200 seniors per month.

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

This initiative will enhance seniors' physical health, mobility, and overall well-being while fostering intergenerational connections and a stronger sense of community. It will improve quality of life by addressing physical, mental, and emotional health needs and reducing social isolation through increased engagement, measured by surveys, attendance, and health assessments. Additionally, security enhancements will protect both visitors and the surrounding community by reducing vulnerabilities, increasing monitoring, and strengthening safety measures. Finally, the program will create new job and volunteer opportunities to support the growing senior population, tracked through staff and volunteer recruitment.

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?

We do not see the need for consideration of additional penalties since we fully expect the project to be compliant with and acceptable outcome.

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#:



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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)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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