



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3203

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Caregiving Youth Project (CYP) supports middle and high school students who provide care for a family member who is chronically ill, injured, elderly, and/or disabled. These students, known as Caregiving Youth, receive tailored support through CYP's wraparound services in and out of school and at home to help them balance their caregiving responsibilities with their education and personal well-being. It has resulted in them achieving personal and academic success with a 10-year average high school graduation rate of 98.3%.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	260,101	17%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	65,000	4%
Local	739,865	50%
Other	176,940	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,491,906	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		
2023-24	0	318,600	100	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.

The Caregiving Youth Project receives funding through grants, donations and fundraising.

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)?

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	Caregiving Youth Project Director President	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Family Specialists Activities Manager Volunteer Manager Development Director Care Manager Community Educator	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Respite Care/House Cleaning Services Fun and educational activities throughout the year. Tutoring Staff travel Student travel to activities IT Support, office expenses (copier, supplies etc.) and rent	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Grant Writer Communication Consultant Auditor	10,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Identify and assist Caregiving Youth who meet our top 3 of 5 Level of Responsibility requirement by providing tools and resources to help them feel valued and equipped as they work to balance school, caregiving, and life effectively. Expand prioritized services to both in and out of school and at home to 3 additional Title 1 schools - respite care, tutoring, Skills Building Workshops, and activities that promote learning and reduce stress—along with many other resources to decrease stress.

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

The Caregiving Youth Project provides Caregiving Youth with prioritized services in and out of school and at home to reduce stress and enhance their academic and personal development.

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

In School: Skills Building Workshops, one on one counseling, and Lunch and Learn sessions.
 At Home: Needs assessments by in-house social workers to address respite care, tutoring, home care needs and other enriching experiences.
 Out of School: Camps, picnics, celebrations, educational activities and more.

 Community Collaborations: medical equipment, food, school supplies and more.

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

The target population for the Caregiving Youth Project (CYP) includes middle and high school students whose academic and personal lives may be impacted by providing care for family member who are chronically ill, injured, elderly, and/or disabled. Our students meet the 3 out of 5 criteria on the Level of Responsibility (LOR) scale, a weighted index based on the number of caregiving hours per week and the types of tasks they perform. Our focus is on Title 1 schools. Currently, the program services 614 Caregiving Youth in 45 middle and high schools, with a rolling enrollment as new students join and others exit upon graduation, no longer caregiving, move, etc. We anticipate serving a similar number of students annually, ensuring continuous support for this vital population.

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

Improved mental health
 - >80% will indicate that their mental health has improved
 - measured through our End of Year qualitative and quantitative surveys

Improve quality of education
 - >90% will graduate from high school
 - >90% will progress to the next grade level
 - measured by The School Board of Palm Beach County reporting - students graduation, grades, progression etc.

Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency
 - >90% have academic accomplishments and education result in more taxable income.
 - measured by The School Board of Palm Beach County reporting - students graduation, grades, progression etc.

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 the 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):



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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 **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)



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- 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.