



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3239

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Metropolitan Ministries' C.R.E.A.T.E. program will serve 300 children and 200 parents with quality childcare in West Pasco on the U.S.19 Corridor. The area currently lacks enough childcare providers to meet community need. The program will be open from 6:30am-6:00 pm, providing working parents with a safe place for children to learn and grow while they work. Through C.R.E.A.T.E. (Children's Recreation Education Arts and Therapeutic Experience), children ages 0-18 build a solid foundation so they are ready to learn and succeed in school. Eight early learning classrooms will provide developmentally appropriate instruction and resources for children 0-6 to develop early reading, math, and socialization skills needed for school. Our out-of-school time program for school age students blends traditional after-school and summer camp activities with academic support, STEAM, and interactive life-skills lessons.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	500,000	31%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,130,800	69%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,630,800</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries for Teachers, Assistant Teachers, and Out-of- School-Time Group Leaders to provide childcare and out-of-school time services; Benefits at 20% of salaries	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

C.R.E.A.T.E. (Children's Recreation Education Arts and Therapeutic Experience) brings quality childcare to 300 children ages 0-18 on the U.S. 19 corridor in West Pasco County. This area currently does not have enough available childcare providers to meet the need. Daycare and out-of-school time care will allow parents to obtain and maintain employment and children to access supplemental resources, educational enhancements and experiences that help them learn and succeed in school and life.



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

Metropolitan Ministries will provide quality childcare and developmentally appropriate activities and services designed to support children's ability to learn and succeed in school. Services include: developmentally appropriate curriculum and teaching in the classroom, developmental screening and linkages, executive function interventions, STEAM exposure, enrichment field trips, life skills lessons, academic support and tutoring, and parenting support and instruction.

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

Pasco citizens will have access to quality affordable childcare for 300 children ages 0-18 along the U.S.19 Corridor. The Early Learning Center (complete March 2025) will hold 8 classrooms where students will build school readiness skills in literacy and math. C.R.E.A.T.E. out of school time (after care and summer camp for school age students) blends STEAM, academic support, and life skills.

**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 homeless and low-income children and parents living in West Pasco County. 300 children and 200 parents will be served. In West Pasco's Holiday community, 26% of children live in poverty and only 25% of all 3-4-year-olds are currently in childcare (2020 Census). 210 Holiday residents surveyed fall 2023 rated their biggest challenges as maintaining employment due to lack of affordable childcare.

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

1. 225 children will have access to quality early childcare program. Amount of children attending early childcare program.  
2. 75 children will have access to quality out of school time programming. Amount of children attending out of school time program.

**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?**

Reversion of funds.

**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**

a. Name



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b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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