



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3240

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Arc Gateway's operates multiple day programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In these locations, individuals receive training and assistance to keep them engaged, foster independence and provide opportunities for learning and growth. Through this project, activities would be enhanced so that a variety of enrichment opportunities could be offered to adults with disabilities. These inclusive activities would be primarily in the community in order to promote learning, increase engagement, improve skill sets, and allow for transition to employment when possible, so that the target population can lead fulfilling, productive, contributing lives.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
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	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	400,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	400,000	246A	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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
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	Salaries and Benefits for ten staff	350,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curriculum, Program Supplies, mileage and vehicle expenses	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
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 this project is to enrich and enhance program activities provided in multiple day programs to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities By providing these new experiences and opportunities, adults will learn and grow to their fullest potential while participating in their community.

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



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Adults with disabilities will be exposed to a variety of activities, primarily in the community, that will increase their knowledge, skills and abilities. Through a specialized curriculum and using best practices, innovative approaches to life skills training will be provided to the clientele.

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

Citizens of this appropriation will receive person-centered, direct service tailored to their individual interests, needs and capabilities. Opportunities will increase interpersonal skills, improve self-advocacy, ensure health & safety, teach life skills, promote inclusivity, develop work readiness skills, provide experiential learning and increase independence.

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

The target population is adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who require assistance in their daily routines. Between multiple programs throughout Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, we will serve approximately 200 unique individuals. Keeping them safe in their day program indirectly impacts caregivers and family members who are able to work, volunteer or take care of personal needs while their loved one is at our program.

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

People with disabilities do not enjoy the same amount or types of experiences due to a variety of barriers such as transportation, social awareness, exposure and challenges to communication, physical ability, or behavioral appropriateness. With support, their lives can be enriched through community inclusion opportunities. Additionally, people with disabilities often have difficulty transitioning their knowledge into real world application. This project would enhance experiential learning and incorporate a community inclusion component that would allow for the greatest individualized achievements possible. Progress towards goals will be measured through assessments, self-reports and satisfaction surveys.

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?

Corrective Action Plans and/or financial consequences required for non-compliance, non-performance or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract.

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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.