



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3359

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Build resilience center and support programs that: self-sufficiency, promote adult ESOL, workforce development, community health, and literacy programs that will 1-Increase Community Resilience and fortify center to offer a centralized site for services, response, resources, and engagement during crises. 2-Improve Understanding of resilience-Deliver programs to educate residents on strategies to foster informed and proactive community stewardship. 3-Promote Community Development-Leverage area opportunity zones to foster economic development and prepare participants to be competitive in job market based on skills and merit.

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	349,850
Fixed Capital Outlay	300,000
Total State Funds Requested	649,850

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)	649,850	43%
Matching Funds		
Federal	600,000	39%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	265,000	17%
Other	10,000	1%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,524,850	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.

We are requesting \$349,850 over two years only. Project can be done without this. Organization already has mature fundraising capability from private donors and needs a 3 year period to become more self-sufficient and fully implement its own



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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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

8-1-2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12-31-2025

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

Internal fundraising capabilities from private foundations, philanthropy, and contributions from members.

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.

Christ the King Episcopal Church, Inc., owns its own facility and is a 501(c)3.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary to support 50% of the salary for the executive director, an experienced program manager with extensive experience in program integration. Cost inclusive of pension.	56,000
Other Salary and Benefits	25% of healthcare for Executive Director.	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel. Travel will comply with GSA travel guidance.	3,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program Coordinator to assist in program management through a local community-based partner and 501(c)3.	40,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	A Program Coordinator (45000) and Financial Coordinators (40000) will support programs and resilience center operations. The Financial Coordinator will focus on fundraising for future sustainability. The program Coordinator will supervise community health programs and serve as community liaison. Includes payroll tax and benefits.	85,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program expenses to include office supplies (\$5,000) and equipment (\$5,000)	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	All services will be integrated. Consultant contract with 501(c)3 for community health workers focused on mental health working full time to support community health and literacy initiatives leveraging workforce development, ESOL, and economic development and opportunity zones in adjacent areas.	145,850
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Fortify Resilience Center is owned by a non-profit 501(c) that houses the programs of 98 organizations to withstand hurricane-force winds and operate in the aftermath of disaster for disaster response in the community. Fortification will also allow for onsite energy generation and water purification.	300,000



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	649,850
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13. Program Performance

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

Build resilience center: Promote adult ESOL, workforce development, community health, and literacy programs to 1-Increase Community Resilience-Fortify center to offer a centralized site for services, response, resources, and engagement during crises. 2-Improve Understanding of Resilience-Develop/deliver programs to educate residents on strategies to foster informed and proactive community stewardship. 3Promote Community Development-Leverage area opportunity zones to foster economic development.

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

Fortify and invest in programming for a faith-based, community-led effort and fortify resilience hub that combines civics and health literacy to increase resilience, reduce dependency on government assistance, and improve health outcomes while driving economic development. Addresses workforce readiness, financial independence, and health disparities by empowering individuals with essential skills, resources, and support to build long-term stability.

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

Resilience and pastoral care with civics and adult ESOL improve employment opportunities and workplace integration. Programs will support families and foster sustainability and self-sufficiency. Disaster preparedness training will equip families with resilience strategies. Job upskilling initiatives will connect individuals with career pathways and stimulate local economic development.

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

1,000 unduplicated households per year consisting of seniors, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, school aged children in a community recovering from multiple natural disasters compounded by existing vulnerabilities. The community has multiple established economic opportunity zones established in service area. The area has the resources to promote self-sufficiency in this community through economic opportunity.

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

Benefits include enhanced individual economic self sufficiency through wrap around workforce development programs that focus on improved physical through community health workers and mental health through support, improve quality of education through after school programs for both public, charter, and private schools; and protect general public from harm from natural disasters. Performance measures include on-time and on-schedule, surveys, specifics goals and targets that support overall goal of servings 1000 households yearly.

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?

Award a Firm Fix Price Contract with progress payments and 25% advance. Withhold payments and initiate collections if milestones remain unmet. The agency could also mandate corrective action plans, bar the contractor from future solicitations, and require frequent progress reports. Such measures promote accountability and safeguard taxpayer 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)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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.