



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3537

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Moments Matter SFLA facilitates unforgettable moments and memories for foster youth to encourage physical and mental health, build self-worth, and establish a sense of community through early intervention. This program will accomplish our goals through a series of festivals for various foster organizations in the State of Florida, providing foster youth with mental, technical, and physical activities enjoyable for all. The purpose is to provide a safe, inclusive space for children to minimize social isolation through the creation of social connection with the community and peers, provide positive mental health outcomes through recreational therapy, and shed light to the public on the foster community of South Florida.

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	127,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	127,500

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)	127,500	93%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	10,000	7%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	137,500	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.



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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	Security personnel and event staff (\$18,000)	18,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Venue Rentals (\$15,000), Event Insurance and Liability, Permits (\$15,000), Rentals and Activities including dunk tank, inflatable slides and activities, bounce houses, other field day activities, sound and stage equipment (\$39,000), Transportation (\$18,000), Other possible costs including but not limited to decorations, gifts, apparel, and marketing (\$22,500)	109,500
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)		127,500

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?

Moments Matter will contract with local businesses, such as local dunk tank vendors, to provide the children with physical activities. The vendors contracted will be asked to perform team building activities to encourage social connection and peer building. The contracted food vendors will provide meals to the children and create a lunchroom to encourage the children to talk with members of the community.

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

Moments Matter will contract with local businesses, such as food vendors, to provide food and entertainment activities to the foster youth. Public facilities, such as parks, will be contracted to provide the children with ample room to perform physical activities with their peers. Security will be contracted to ensure that the children are safe and able to engage with their local community with care.

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

The project is expected to serve between 400-600 foster care children including at risk youth, grade school students, high school students, victims of crime, and foster children.

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

The event will offer physical activities promoting an active lifestyle while fostering teamwork and social engagement. Staff will track participation in different activities and gather feedback through verbal surveys to assess enjoyment and improve future events. Vendors, rental companies, and staff will be contracted, with budgeting used to track economic contributions. A team will be contracted to maintain safety and organization. A full list of employees and general workers with respective tasks will be compiled for effective planning.

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?

The agency may increase oversight, withhold funding, and submit negative performance reviews on future events.

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



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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)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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