



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2341

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Mitzvah Kitchen is partnering with the Chabad of Kendall and Pinecrest and Friendship Circle of Miami, along with other businesses and community organizations that provide services to meet the needs of our community experiencing food insecurities with and without kosher restrictions. The kitchen will operate with the help of children with disabilities who can learn and obtain certifications for on-the-job skills.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	500,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	33.3% of the Director salary plus benefits dedicated to the project	46,017
Other Salary and Benefits	50% of other administrative salaries plus benefits dedicated to the project.	19,233
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accountants	9,750
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program Director (25%) , Program Manager and Assistant Program Manger plus Benefits	186,530
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Occupancy, Utilities, Security, Transportation, Marketing & Outreach, Office and kitchen Equipment, Supplies and Food.	158,900
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Nutrition Consultant, Dietitian Consultant, Chef, Kitchen Assistant, Therapist, Catering, Kosher Certification and Specialist, and Trainings.	79,570
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Mitzvah Kitchen program will impart practical culinary skills for individuals with special needs while also promoting personal growth, community engagement, long-term independence, training and certifications to enter the workforce, and fostering inclusivity within the local business community and through partnerships with organizations meeting the needs of our local food insecurity.



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

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

The Mitzvah Kitchen provides the only community-run, industrial kosher kitchen in Miami-Dade area that engages individuals with special needs and volunteers from various businesses who prepare and distribute restaurant-quality meals to individuals and families (Jewish and non-Jewish) experiencing food insecurity as it relates to kosher restrictions.

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

Children with disabilities, the religious jewish community and community at large.

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

Working in a kosher kitchen within a Jewish community center offers cultural enrichment, promoting tolerance and diversity, while enhancing culinary skills and understanding. Outcomes will be assessed through community involvement, peer and community feedback, participant reflection surveys, and cultural tolerance 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 the contract?

Funds returned in full.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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)



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d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number