



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3420

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

These sensory trailers will serve children and families in rural communities by providing autism services such as free screenings and other Applied Behavioral Analysis services. The trailers will also be deployed to areas around the State of Florida in times of emergencies to provide assistance to children and families in the ASD community. The trailers will be specifically designed to provide a cooled space to help calm and regulate children in time distress. Additionally, the project will help with the creation of sensor bags that have important items geared to children and young adults with autism.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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?



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

## 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
<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: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	To pay for a Master clinical /masters level student and Applied Behavioral Analysis Specialist who will provide the necessary services when needed to the children/young adults.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The cost of the trailers, outfitting/renovating the trailers, and the cost of the sensory bags.	400,000
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>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose for these funds is to acquire and build custom mobile sensory trailers that can be used for a multitude of services for ASD clinical services. These trailers will allow the company to deploy into rural communities all over Florida providing much needed services and care that are not currently offered. Additionally, these funds will be used to create 500 sensory bags that are given out when applicable.



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

To provide a specifically designed cooled space to help calm and regulate children in distress during times of emergencies. It will serve as a calming room and cooling station. Additionally, Applied Behavioral Analysis trained staff will be there to provide services along with information and assistance to families in time of emergencies. For rural communities, they will also be used for free autism screening and educational outreach.

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

Free autism screenings, educational outreach, Free autism screenings, a safe place designed to help calm and regulate children in times of distress.

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

Children and young adults with ASD.

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

More children and young adults can be screened for autism. If diagnosed, these children and young adults will be able to begin receiving services. Screenings will be free and early erasures will be taken to aide children and families sooner.

**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?**

Recoupment of funds for failing to meet deliverables.

**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)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number