



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3428

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

We are requesting funds to build a multi-use building at our foster group home located at 2208 Castillo Avenue in Punta Gorda. Currently, we have 24 teen boys living in a space with limited indoor recreational activities. Our new building will be used as a gymnasium for monthly birthday parties and other celebrations, and an indoor activities space for inclement weather.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	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>1,000,000</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?

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



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\$244,000 for payroll assistance in 2020.

### 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)?** No

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** January 2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** January 2026

**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.**

Crossroads Hope Academy

**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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Engineering and design, site preparation and construction of a new, multi-use recreational building for our foster kids.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

Our current space does not have a place for indoor recreation or for large celebrations within the community. We typically have 24 boys, 5 staff, and up to 20 volunteers attend our monthly birthday parties for the kids and no space to accommodate them. We will use this new space for recreation for our foster kids in inclement weather, community interaction through birthday parties and other celebrations.

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

We will coordinate all planning and construction through local contractors.



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

Our goal is to provide as much normalcy to our foster kids as possible. Only about 50% of our kids have ever had a birthday celebrated so we strive to make that as special an occasion as possible. Additionally, most of our foster kids have health challenges due to poor lifestyle choices and we want to have as many options for physical recreation for them as possible.

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

The population we are looking to benefit is our 24 foster boys. We expect to serve 70 boys this calendar year.

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

We will measure the benefits of this project by seeing more kids choosing recreation over video games and we will see a greater interaction with our community and volunteers by having a space to accomodate them.

**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?**

Repayment of the funds.

**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**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**



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