



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2182

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

4. Project/Program Description

The project seeks to renovate space at The Arc Tampa Bay's programming space at the Long Center in Clearwater, FL, to transform it into a culinary arts program for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. This funding request is specifically to transform facility space into a teaching cafe. The Arc Tampa Bay is in the process of working with the architect for final drawings. The Arc Tampa Bay had previously procured state level funding for renovations but after consultation and collaboration with our landlord, the City of Clearwater, the site was moved to a larger space within the same facility that provided more opportunities for community access to the program and its offerings, particularly a cafe for patrons of Long Center events. Students at the culinary program will become certified in the SafeStaff food safety program and learn a variety of culinary, food service, and wait staff skills that will provide them with post-graduation job opportunities.

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	500,000
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	35%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	915,679	65%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,415,679	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000	243 & 247A	No

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.

Potential partners and stakeholders for the project include the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, City of Clearwater, and The Arc Tampa Bay Foundation.



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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.

PPP: \$1,466,335 for staffing stability; Pinellas Community Foundation: \$333,470 for hazard pay; Pinellas County: \$56,275 for supplies and equipment; FEMA: \$157,276.41 for supplies and PPE.

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.

The facility is owned by the City of Clearwater. The Arc Tampa Bay has 67 years on the remaining lease. The Arc Tampa Bay is responsible for any renovations in the portion of the facility that the agency occupies. The Arc Tampa Bay has completed many renovations in the past with the City's approval and input. For the present project, bi-weekly meetings are held on site with the architect of record for the project. Several representatives from the City attend these meetings.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Funding will be used for architectural fees and services, to renovate 2 existing classrooms into the Culinary Inst. and Coffee Shop. Previous appropriations covered the cost of equipment. Construction costs include permitting, demolition, renovations, materials, labor, installations, general conditions, risk management fees, owner contingency and change orders. Costs above and beyond state funding requested amount to be procured through fundraising. Primary focus of funding is the cafe site.	500,000
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 purpose of this funding request is to remove barriers to employment for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). A comprehensive needs assessment completed by the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) in 2019 recommended more skilled training programs for individuals with little or no work experience. A significant proportion of individuals with disabilities, VR staff, and community stakeholders indicated that a lack of training and work experience were barriers to gainful employment for people with disabilities.

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

The Culinary Institute and Cafe will provide a food service training program to assist individuals with IDD with their career goals. One of the biggest roadblocks for individuals with IDD in securing employment is their lack of work experience. At The Arc Tampa Bay's program, a chef with industry experience will provide instruction during this 16 week program. Coursework will prepare students in food preparation; safety and sanitation; waitstaff; & customer service. The program will be conducted in a commercial kitchen with a cafe attached to provide real world experience. Students will be certified in food safety upon completion. The Cafe will also provide long-term work opportunities for clients in our Supported Employment Program.

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

While the funding is for the purpose of facility renovations, the project will ultimately provide employment training and services to individuals with IDD. The 16 week program will support students with IDD to learn soft and hard skills for employment in the food service industry. In addition to instruction by a qualified chef, an employment specialist will assist individuals during the course of the program with job development and post-graduation employment. Students will learn food preparation, sanitation and food safety, waitstaff, customer service, transactions, and marketing. The cafe/coffee shop itself will also provide long-term employment opportunities for clients in our Supported Employment Program.

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

The target population for the project are individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Arc Tampa Bay will operate 3 sessions per year and serve approximately 6 students per session, totally 18 students or more per year.

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

Successful job placement in the food service industry is the expected outcome for the project. The outcome will be measured by documentation of successful job placement. According to the US Department of Labor, 2022 Bureau of Labor Statistics Report, only 21.3% of persons with a disability were employed. The program seeks to develop job ready skills for people with IDD, ultimately decreasing the numbers of unemployed individuals with disabilities. During the course of the program, students will receive valuable experience in the food service industry as well as obtaining certification in food handling. This SafeStaff certification will serve as an additional outcome for the program.

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?



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If The Arc Tampa Bay is unable to meet project deliverables, the agency will work with the funder on a plan of corrective action to ensure project success. Student progress will be measured on a regular basis to identify any individual barriers to learning and successful completion of benchmark evaluations. Early identification of areas of concern can allow appropriate interventions for students needing additional support. For students not achieving post-graduation employment goals, these will also be addressed on a case by case basis.

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

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number