



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1299

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

Studies have shown that as many as 50% of individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) and developmental disabilities (DD) have a co-occurring mental health condition, including major depression, anxiety, bi-polar disorder, psychotic disorders, impulse disorders, and others. When appropriately diagnosed and treated for their mental health conditions, persons with ID/DD can improve their level of functioning and their overall quality of life. Funding will allow Alpert JFS and The Arc of Palm Beach County (PBC) to collaborate to address the behavioral health needs of individuals with intellectual & developmental disabilities (ID/DD). The increased funding will also enable Alpert JFS to provide subsidies for the Day Socialization program at the Alpert JFS Center for Belonging & Wellbeing and partial scholarships to approximately 6 +/- families for the supported living apartment program for persons with disabilities.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>750,000</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)	750,000	90%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	83,500	10%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>833,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	487,987	378	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Fundraising from individual donors and private foundations.



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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.

In 2020, Alpert Jewish Family Service received a PPP loan in the amount of \$909,299 that was all used for payroll.

## 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	1 Director of Medical Services for The Arc of Palm Beach County (PBC)	118,965
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	10% Indirect Admin Fee for Alpert JFS 5% Management Fee to Alpert JFS for Grant Management	97,826
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Therapists for Alpert JFS to work with clients of The Arc of PBC 1 Alpert JFS Supervisor (.10 FTE) for oversight and support of the Alpert JFS Therapists to work with clients of The Arc of PBC	214,656
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	725 subsidized days to the Day Socialization program for persons with disabilities at the new Alpert JFS Center for Belonging & Wellbeing (\$75/day) & partial scholarships for the supported living apartment program for persons with disabilities for approx. 6 families (\$1000/month * 12 months)	126,337
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	50 full psychological evaluations for adult and children clients of The Arc of PBC to be performed by Alpert JFS at \$2,00/evaluation (\$120,000). 2 interns @ \$36,108 = \$72,216 (Contractual service)	192,216
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>750,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

This funding will allow Alpert JFS and The Arc of PBC to collaboratively address the behavioral health needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD); filling a service gap that is too often not served. The specific goal will be to create a seamless process by which clientele of The Arc of PBC are identified and psychological and psychiatric services provided through Alpert Jewish Family Service and allow The Arc to provide Psycho-Social Rehab (PSR) services post-assessment. The increased funding will also allow Alpert JFS to provide subsidies for the Day Socialization program for persons with disabilities at the Alpert JFS Center for Belonging and Wellbeing and partial scholarships to 6 +/- families for the supported living apartment program for persons with disabilities.

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

Two licensed Alpert JFS therapists will provide mental health services for middle and high school participants of The Arc of and their families. Alpert JFS will provide psychological evaluations to children and adults, which are a prerequisite for The Arc of PBC to be able to provide Medicaid Psycho-Social Rehab (PSR) services to adults post-assessment. In addition, subsidies for the Alpert JFS Day Socialization program & partial scholarships for supported living apartment program for persons with disabilities.

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

The Arc PBC serves individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). Alpert JFS will provide individual psychotherapy & behavioral support services, as well as psychological testing services to clients served by the The Arc PBC. Alpert JFS will provide subsidies to the Day Socialization program for adults with disabilities and mental illness.

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

The Arc PBC serves individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities (ID/DD). Alpert JFS serves adults with disabilities and mental illness. provide subsidies to the Day Socialization program for adults with disabilities and mental illness. Alpert JFS will be provide individual psychotherapy and behavioral support services, as well as psychological testing services to approximately 100 clients served by The Arc of PBC and subsidies to another approximately 20 adults with disabilities and mental illness.

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

As part of our extensive Performance Quality Improvement program, all recipients of our behavioral health services will be administered the PHQ-9 and the GAD-7, used for assessing depression and anxiety. Additional measure specific to the ID/DD population will be identified, including measures of functionality and quality of life. When mental health needs of the DD/ID and mental illness population are appropriately met, it is likely that improvement in level of functioning will follow. To measure this, specific assessment of Daily Activities will be conducted, as well as a functional assessment and Life Satisfaction evaluation. Additionally, family input will be solicited when appropriate.

**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?**

If we fail to deliver services as described in the contract with DCF, we will negotiate return of funds.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**



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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