



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1946

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The rise of anti-Semitic incidents, including those directed at Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg's largest Reform Temple, has created an urgent need to increase security for up to 200 attendees at weekly services on Friday night, Saturday and Sundays, up to 500 attendees during high holy days, the 80 children each at the Sunday School and the Early Childhood Center which operates Monday-Friday year-round and the broader community, including 10,000 residents during the Temple's annual arts festival. State funding would provide full-time security for the Early Childhood Center, law enforcement training for Temple staff, congregants and harden the facility including installation/upgrades to windows, security bollards, locks and doors, fencing, gates, lighting, camera systems and other security measures to protect staff, children, teachers, congregants and visitors from external threats.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>550,000</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)	550,000	95%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	30,000	5%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>580,000</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.

The Temple received \$188,900 in PPP loans and \$240,718 in pandemic-related funding for the Early Childhood Center for costs associated with workforce retention and safety measures and equipment.

## 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.

Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg, which owns the facility, will receive the FCO funding directly.

### 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	Two full-time officers to provide security for the Early Childhood Center (10 hrs/day 330 days per year), services, high holy days, and other Temple events and security training for Temple leadership, staff and congregants.	200,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Expenses associated with hardening the facility including installation of bulletproof glass, an intercom system, security bollards, replacement of locks and doors, access controls (with an upgraded security system and cameras as well as an upgraded facility access system, i.e., key fob or biometric system), upgrades to fencing, gates, lighting, windows, doors, camera systems and other measures to harden the Temple structure.	350,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>550,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

This project will achieve the goal of securing Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg and keeping the children, congregants and staff safe from external threats. The Temple is the largest Reform Jewish Synagogue in St. Petersburg. It is also a facility used by much of the wider non-Jewish community for civic activities.

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

Temple Beth-El St. Petersburg will engage with experienced local contractors and vendors to meet the goals of physical hardening of the facility and meeting operational goals, including the training of leadership, staff and congregants on how to protect themselves and others in the event of security threats. In addition to replacing much of the facility's outdated physical components described above, Temple Beth-El intends to contract with local law enforcement to provide security services with off-duty officers for services and other large events.

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

Children, staff and congregants will be able to access the facility with a reduced risk of harm from external threats to their safety.

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

Temple Beth-El has a membership of 370 families and 80 children each at the Sunday School and the Early Childhood Center which operates Monday-Friday year-round. In addition, the greater St. Petersburg community makes significant use of the facility, including the Temple's annual art festival which is attended by 10,000 local residents.

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

The benefit is increased security for St. Petersburg's largest Reform Temple. The Temple will have the improvements professionally evaluated by local law enforcement to ensure they meet the security needs of the Temple community.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met will be returned to the state.

#### 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)



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- 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**