



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1825

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

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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	787,500
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	787,500

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)	787,500	72%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	300,000	28%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,087,500	100%

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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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?

07/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/2026

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.

The Carrie Meek Foundation, Inc.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The services of the CEO will be provided in-kind. Project Manager @\$80,000 + Fringes (16%) = \$92,800 Reporting to the Foundation's CEO, the Project Manager will oversee all aspects of the project's launch, including (but not limited to) fundraising, program development, staff recruitment and development, community relations and marketing, partnership development and fiscal compliance.	93,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	OSHA Certifications @ \$250	12,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Instructors - 2 @\$50,000 + Fringes (16%) - \$116,000 Internship Stipends, Tuition Reimbursements, Certification Fees - 200 @\$210 = \$40,000	158,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facility Rental 12 months @\$6500 = \$78,000 Home Builders Institute PACT Core License Fee @\$10,000 Transfer VR Virtual Training System @\$100,000 Classroom Equipment Including all tools, disposable materials, workstations, computer stations @\$83,000 HBI Skill-Specific Modules (HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical) @ \$168,000 Renovation and installation of training-specific technology (i.e. networking infrastructure, trade specific workbenches and demonstration equipment, electrical upgrades)	464,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Recruitment, Retention and Placement Consultant 12 months @\$2500/month = \$30,000 Evaluation Services 12 months @\$2,500/month = \$30,000	60,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		787,500

14. Program Performance

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

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

Skilled Trades Training will be provided utilizing the Home Builder Institute nationally renowned Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) Core program, followed by specific trade training and certifications. It combines performance-based learning in the building trades with vocational and academic skills training, encompassing life skills, career development, and on-the-job training.

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

The direct services will train or upskill local adults and youth and previously incarcerated individuals via job preparedness training, resume prep and review, job placement and retention services and career mentoring, focusing specifically on the construction trades. Hands on training, combined with state-of-the-art virtual reality training will be delivered in Florida City and South Dade areas.

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

The target population to be served are jobless persons and economically disadvantaged persons. About 201-400 individuals are expected to be served.

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

The expected benefit is to enhance individual's economic self sufficiency by developing two areas of measurement: 1) number of programs and program enrollment and number of employment placements of program participants. The budget includes retention of Recruitment, Retention and Placement Consultant as a 3rd party evaluator. The methodology will be measured in two ways: How many programs/organizations are engaged and how many are enrolled AND the percentage of program participants who are able to secure employment. Secondly we will track the ability of participants to retain employment.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables would result in financial consequences including withholding of funding or reduction in specified payments.

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



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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