



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1982

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	150,000	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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We received a PPP loan in the amount of \$39,600 and it was used for salaries and utility payments.

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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Head will receive an annual salary of 45,000.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Educational Director will receive an annual salary of 20,000. Administrative Support Specialist will receive an annual salary of 20,000.	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	School outreach and communication, Rolling Readers WRITES scholarships, classroom sponsorships, 1-1 tutoring programs, volunteer recruitment, volunteer training, program development, public relations, staff development, special event planning materials, technology hardware and software, printing, postage, phone and Internet.	32,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Bookkeeper will receive an annual salary of 7,000.	7,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	2500 books--one for each student, office supplies for bookkeeper.	26,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Our purpose is to strengthen literacy skills in children from PreK to fourth grade, focusing on Title I students in Brevard County Schools. We want to offer our program at no cost to all elementary schools. The post-pandemic effects on our children are immense and teachers need assistance now more than ever. Our goal is to place trained volunteers to read aloud in classrooms as well as provide 1-1 tutoring for any child performing below grade level. We also gift a book to all children in our program.

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

Recruit, train and place volunteers in additional classrooms to increase the number of children served.

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

Read aloud programs for children and 1-1 tutoring for all at-risk students.

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

All at-risk children in grades PreK-fourth in Brevard County. 2500 students will be served.

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

NA

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?

NA

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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number