



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2348

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Technical and skills training for individuals will be provided to those either currently employed in agriculture and/or individuals seeking employment opportunities outside of the agriculture industry. Training and tuition will be provided directly to programs at educational facilities to help individuals surrounding the region of Lake Okeechobee. The future of this program is designed to grow to continue to meet the training and workforce needs outside of agriculture in the Glades region.

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	1,700,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,700,000

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)	1,700,000	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	1,700,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	1,700,000	2245A	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.

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.

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		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	Equipment (simulators), medical supplies, textbooks, computers, marketing of program, and tuition.	1,700,000
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)		1,700,000

14. Program Performance

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

Funding received will allow for continued technical and skills training, outside of agriculture, for individuals in the agriculture community.

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



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

There will be training and tuition provided directly to programs at educational facilities to help individuals surrounding the region of Lake Okeechobee. The future of this program is designed to grow to continue to meet the training and workforce needs outside of agriculture in the Glades region.

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

Target population to be served are jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, homeless persons, university/college students, and current and formerly incarcerated persons.

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

The success of this program will be measured by the number of tuition grants requested, number of people attending training classes/college, increase in citizen employment, and decrease in those who use assistance programs.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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



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