



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1027

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Ready to Work program (RTW) is an expansion of the Achievement Centers for Children & Families' current academic enhancement and family support programs offered to over 500 children ages 1 - 18 years old, their families, and other community adults. This multi-generational program will engage and develop the capacity of youth, young adults, and their families to effectively implement workforce development solutions that will positively impact Florida's skilled labor pool shortages. Using a multi-tiered approach, and working with local experts, RTW focuses on teaching professional and interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, financial literacy, business development, college and career exploration, entrepreneurship, micro-enterprises, and how to capitalize on industry trends. This collective impact approach will support workforce development by integrating academic support, career exploration and pathway development, hands on experiences, and internships.

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	274,309
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	274,309

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)	274,309	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	112,000	14%
Other	438,966	53%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	825,275	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.**
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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.

During FY2019-2020 (\$637,200); FY2020-2021 (\$696,437); Total received:\$1,333,637.
 Funds used for: Workforce Incentives, AC HALO Filters, occupancy costs, and PPE.

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
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	Ready to Work Coordinator: 1 FTE @ \$65,000 + .15 Benefits = \$74,750 (includes Payroll Taxes) Teen Program Coordinator: .5 FTE @ \$45,000 + .15 Benefits = \$25,875 4 PT Retired/Active Teachers: 16 hours x 50 weeks x \$35/hour + .0765 benefits = \$60,284 Manager of Family Support Programs: .5 FTE @ \$80,000 + .15 Benefits = \$46,000	206,909
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Client participation in workshops will be incentivized with \$25 Gift Cards; when the participant completes the financial literacy series of 4-6 sessions, funding is available to establish and maintain a bank account. Resources to Formalize a Business: such as Laptops: \$1,200; Tools: \$5,000 and \$3,300 broadband access, and connection to Career Source for business startup resources. Recruitment Marketing: \$500	20,775



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Industry Specialists Programs: Small Business Development Center, Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce, CRA Representatives from banks: PNC, Northern Trust, I-Think, Career Source PBC, Handling Risky Business, LKAN, Bound for College, People Institute, ACCF Board Member businesses	46,625
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		274,309

14. Program Performance

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

The Ready to Work program's collective impact approach will have a positive impact on Florida's skilled labor pool shortages by offering youth, young adults, and their families opportunities to gain the skills needed to successfully enter and remain active in the workforce. Ready to Work will focus on teaching professional and interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, financial literacy, business development, college and career exploration, entrepreneurship, micro-enterprises, and how to capitalize on industry trends.

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

Expert partners from the Small Business Development Center of South Florida, local businesses, the Delray Beach Chamber, the City of Delray, the Local College Access Network of Palm Beach County, and others will deliver services including academic support, career-focused learning, and hands-on business opportunities that empower individuals and impact the success of postsecondary work experiences.

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

Participants will take part in free soft skills, executive functioning, professionalism, entrepreneurship, and job skills training, along with hands-on seminars, volunteer opportunities, internships, and on-the-job training. Intensive mentoring, shadowing, and exposure to leading industries such as transportation (air, sea, & roadways), automotive, banking, medical, electrical/natural energy, construction, technology, & education are provided.

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

The target population served by this project includes over 500 persons who are either jobless, at-risk youth, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, or unemployed/under employed families in southern Palm Beach County.

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

Benefit: Participants will improve academic performance, be prepared for the workforce, gain a broader understanding of various industries, increase the capacity for economic stability, and increase financial literacy.
Methodology: Program components will be assessed through the use of Pre and Post Skills tests, workshop attendance records, student report cards, number of participants who gain knowledge and/or improve economic activity.

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?

Funding will be returned to the state for any specific deliverables or performance measures that fail to occur during the budget period from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

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