



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2801

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Our request for appropriations will directly address unemployment and low employment in the STEM field among underserved communities in Duval County. Funding will be used to train members of those communities in urban agriculture farming, harvesting, and farmers market readiness. We will implement a certificate program and provide all materials for free to the participants. We will build gardens, grow food, and engage partners from across the K-12 network for education in urban agriculture.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	965,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>965,000</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)	965,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>965,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  No

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?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

IDEAS For Us received \$50,000 in the form of a PPP loan to support staff post COVID shut down. 100% of our PPP loan has been forgiven by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director will serve as project leader of this Statewide program, traveling to sites and meeting with partners to assure that the goals of the project are met.	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel Stipend (Hotel, Rental Vehicles, Meal Stipend)	3,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Single Audit Required by FDACS (\$10,000) and Contracted Project Accountant (\$30,000) to handle FDACS grant compliance	10,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Chief Operations Officer will serve as the lead staff member organizing logistics of the project and assuring goals are achieved by Staff Members and contractors hired as experts to help with education and implementation of the project. Position will also curate experiences for certificate program. Chief Branch Officer will manage all action projects happening as educational experiences.	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	- Project Materials for Urban Agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture and renewable energy - Travel Stipend (Hotel, Rental Vehicles, Meal Stipend)	557,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Urban Agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture and renewable energy subject matter experts and services required to complete program goals.	200,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>965,000</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

We will provide education in urban agricultural for youth, young adults, and the general public. We will utilize a certificate program that was built to teach core skills in urban agriculture including seeding, harvesting, farmers market readiness, and more aspects.

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

Building farming infrastructure in the Springfield area of Jacksonville and conducting education programs within the community that certify people of all ages, but especially youth and young adults in urban agricultural skills. We will also be growing and donating food throughout the community.

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

Education, mentorship classes, and the issuing of certificates for participants of the program in course tracks for urban agriculture. We will also be growing and donating food throughout the community.

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

The General Public. However, we will have a special focus on youth and young adults for employment education and opportunities in Duval County.

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

We will utilize all of our standard metrics and matrices for tracking KPIs and Sustainable Development Goals in the project.

**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?**

All standard penalties are appropriate.

#### 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



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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