



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2470

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

We provide free STEM education and code camps to under-served populations focusing on middle and high school students. We also partner with other agencies to provide customized STEM-related training to citizens such as the elderly, parents, pedagogical training for future STEM educators, specific workforce training related to STEM. We have a commercial building we've acquired for a community STEM center and are requesting funds to retrofit aging and absent infrastructure to provide citizens and other non-profit agencies STEM-related training, start-up advice, workforce training, computer literacy, Internet access, and resume assistance.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="27,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="104,000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>131,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="131000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>131,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. 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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Raspberri Pi \$5000; STEM Supplies/Consumables \$1000; STEAM Training Materials & Library \$500; Surveillance/Security Cameras \$2500, WiFi Access Points and Assoc. Equipment \$3000.	12,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Efficacy study and analysis of population served (performed by FSU).	15,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Land clearing \$3000, culvert \$6000, water line & backflow \$10000, waste line \$6000, underground electrical utility installation \$12500, storm water survey \$7500, roundabout and sidewalk installation \$35000, handicap ramp modification \$4000, interior painting \$2800, exterior paint and repair \$4500, site plan engineering \$8000, landscape \$1500, telecommunications lines \$1000, certificate of occupancy & assoc. certifications \$2200.	104,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>131,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

We will be able to retrofit the building, install necessary infrastructure, have a driveway and culvert, implement code-required landscaping + sidewalk, and procure additional supplies and materials to meet the needs of the anticipated increase in citizens who desire our services.

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

We provide free STEM education and code camps to under-served populations, and primarily focusing on middle and high school students. We also partner with other agencies to provide customized STEM-related training to citizens such as the elderly, parents, pedagogical training for future STEM educators, specific workforce training related to STEM.

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

Software development training and education, computer literacy training, code camps for middle + highschool students in the region, free computer and Internet access, resume writing assistance, startup and commercialization consultation and advice.

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

All citizens are welcome. We do not discriminate. Our target population is middle and high school students who are under exposed to technology and STEM-related education, particularly in the software development and computer literacy. We expect to serve hundreds of citizens each week during the school year.

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

We expect those served will have better job outlook, increased interest in STEM-related higher education and/or career fields. Our goal is to provide resources and training so lower socioeconomic citizens can obtain gainful employment in high-demand, high-paying jobs.

Efficacy will be measured using a mix of empirical studies, qualitative and quantitative research and analysis of population served. We will also survey local businesses and STEM-related industries in our analysis. The research will be carried out by university faculty.

- 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 in the contract?

Standard penalties are sufficient.



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12. **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 Jane and John Marks Foundation, Inc. will receive all funds to distribute to the contractor(s) and service provider(s) for associated construction and STEM center costs. The building and land are owned by the "Green Pepper Trust," of which the entity is a beneficiary. The land and building were originally obtained by Farhood Basiri at auction from Leon County. Mr. Basiri is proj mngr for the STEM center retrofit project and Exec. Dir. of the Foundation. No state funds shall go to Mr. Basiri.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.