



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1093

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The goal of the initiative is to increase the number of young students who are interested in the four areas of STEM; thereby greatly increasing the overall number of STEM workers in the United States by 2035. Dream Big Academy of Learning believes that at a very early age, students gravitate towards instruction/activities that are stimulating, fun, and interactive. STEM Stimulation within the U.S. Workforce will prove to be the greatest game changer in the United States for job fulfillment.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	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	200,000	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?



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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	Hiring of outside consulting firm. Perform work for—or provide services to—entity as a nonemployee.	18,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Desktop Computers, 3-D Printers, Demonstration/Simulation Devices, Lab Furniture, Equipment (i.e. microscopes, petri dishes, graduated cylinders, circuit kits, etc)	107,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Services for simulated- real world activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Contracted Services for Training for Support Staff	75,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Students will develop critical skills & foundational knowledge in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics. Students will dive into simulations of anatomy & 3-D anatomical creations that can be produced via a 3-D printer, engineering concepts of real-world buildings, bridges, roads, & electric vehicles. Students will learn non-traditional ways to measure, calculate and design.

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

Dream Big academy of Learning will provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematical lessons, labs, collaborative activities, and actual simulations to disadvantaged students in grades 3 -5.

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

51 -100 grade school-aged children, pre-dominately at-risk children from minority households

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

This project will open the gateway to a different type of learning from the traditional Math, Science, and Technology classes taught; thereby getting students interested in STEM related occupations , increasing the number of disadvantaged students accepting STEM related jobs in the future, thereby improving public educational outcomes.

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?

Repayment of funds to the state

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