



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2910

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Project LIFT is expanding into financially disadvantaged communities in St. Lucie County, Indian River County, and Okeechobee County after 11 years of success in Martin and Palm Beach Counties. Our innovative delivery of mental health services provides social emotional learning through the unique platform of vocational training. At no cost to participants, at risk 14-21 year old teens and young adults engage in hands-on vocational training while licensed therapists address mental health and substance abuse issues. Project LIFT provides a high school diploma through an on online program for high school dropouts. The region served will include a rural area of economic concern.

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	742,700
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	742,700

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)	742,700	49%
Matching Funds		
Federal	365,000	25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,500	14%
Other	175,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,483,200	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	450,000	381E	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.

CARES Act--\$332,545 for general operating support
 Paycheck Protection Act #1--\$260,600 for payroll (was forgiven by SBA)
 Paycheck Protection Act #2--\$271,242 for payroll

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	--Teachers– 1 FTE \$50,000 --Program Director–2 FTE \$110,000 --Therapist–2 FTE \$130,000 --Marine, Construction, HVAC, Welding, Plumbing Vocational Training Instructor--\$275,000 --Benefits payroll taxes and beneits- \$84,750	649,750
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Online educational platform, high school dropout students (23) – \$24,000 Computers for HS dropout students (10) – \$7,500 Food–avg 6 months of food, 4 lunches/wk \$12,000 High School Educational Supplies \$5,000 Transportation for high school dropout students & \$10,000 Gas \$12,500 Vehicle maintenance \$12,500 Stipends to members- \$9,450	92,950
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		742,700

14. Program Performance

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

a. At risk teens (14-21 years old) receive mental health care. Tested weekly for substance abuse. If fail 3X, based on the standard of care, a referral will be made to an inpatient program. 70 % will graduate substance free
 b. 65% of referrals from the criminal justice system will not reoffend.
 c. 70% of high school dropouts will graduate with an accredited diploma.
 d. 70% of graduates employed, enlisted in military or enrolled in post-secondary education w/in 1 year

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

Purchase of supplies and equipment for vocational training; Mental Health therapy; Vocational training; Substance Abuse Treatment and workshops; Life skills workshops; Job Training; High School Diploma program for dropouts.

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

Transportation to and from the program; Access to Mental Health Clinicians, Case Managers and Substance Abuse Experts; Vocational job training; One on one tutoring while pursuing a high school diploma; Mentoring in life skills; Job training and work readiness preparation; Wrap around services

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

Persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged, at-risk you, homeless, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders, victims of crime.

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

-70% employment, enlistment in the military, or enrollment in post secondary education within 6-12 months of graduation.
 Methodologies for Measurement:
 Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scales (CFARS)
 Substance Abuse Inventory
 Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire
 Client Long-term Success--3 year tracking of graduates to assess: substance abuse relapse, recidivism, employment, enrollment, enlistment
 Pre/Post Employability assessment
 Pre/Post Work Readiness assessment
 Monthly Drug screening
 ***All statistical information is collected and processed through Project LIFT's Apricot Data tracking system.

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?

A 10% cut every month if deliverables are not met. Within 3 months a remedial plan will be created and executed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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