



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Youth Agricultural Development Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/12/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This project will focus on youth agricultural development. Our goal is to provide leadership opportunities to youth through agricultural and environmental experiences. We plan to give youth the chance to learn specific agricultural skills that can later be applied to agriculture and science career paths. The Youth Agricultural Development Center will serve as the catalyst that promotes leadership in our youth.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?  
Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	300,000	300,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 300,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18



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d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		300,000	300,000

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

We will build an Agricultural Youth Development Center to provide opportunities for youth to develop leadership qualities and a deeper understanding and appreciation of the agriculture industry.

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

Youth will be given the opportunity to participate in raising livestock which is an after school activity that teaches teamwork, responsibility, and environmental stewardship. The animals raised would be shown nationwide in order to develop and understanding of varying American cultures and agricultural perspectives. The youth involved would be able to mentor other members of the community who are interested in developing a deeper understanding of the agriculture industry and members of our community will mentor adults and youth in best practices related to environmental stewardship and agriculture.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Furniture, fixtures, classroom supplies	25,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Youth Development Building	275,000
TOTAL		300,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Raising livestock and fruits and vegetables, after school programs to be offered to youth (with an emphasis on agriculture), and the opportunity for a community garden.

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

Youth ages 3-18

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

Youth will understand where food comes from (pre/post test), youth will develop public speaking and presentation skills (by observation), youth will have opportunities to mentor others (by observation), and youth will participate in county, state, and national livestock events (participation numbers).

**g. 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?**

None

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

Academy at the farm

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Ray Polk
- b. **Organization:** Academy at the Farm
- c. **Email:** rpolk@academyatthefarm.com
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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

**a. Organization:** Academy at the Farm

**b. County:** Pasco

**c. Organization Type:**

- ☐ For Profit
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

**d. Contact Name:** Ray Polk

**e. E-mail Address:** rpolk@academyatthefarm.com

**f. Phone Number:** (352)588-9737

**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

**a. Name:** None

**b. Firm:** None

**c. Email:**

**d. Phone Number:**