



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2029

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Smart Horizons Career Online Education (SHCOE), a Florida-based, AdvancED/SACS/NCA/NWAC accredited online school district, partners with public libraries across Florida to offer a career-based, adult high school diploma program designed to prepare adults for transition into the workplace. The program employs a prerequisite screening model to enroll only those students with a high probability of success. SHCOE sponsors several such programs across the US.

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 type="text" value="2,000,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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 type="text" value="2000000"/>	<input type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	2,000,000	100 %

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 type="text" value="2018-19"/>	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="750,000"/>	<input type="text" value="125"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	1,826 high school scholarships for adult high school dropouts	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose of the program will be to serve individuals within Florida's adult drop out population that are considered unemployed or underemployed. The intent of the program is to improve their employment and earning prospects by providing them with the opportunity to obtain high school and career credentials through the Florida Public Library System.

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

The activities & services provided will consist of the following: a customized portal, 92 semester courses (academic and career training), transcript analysis, academic coaches (certified teachers), learning management system, student services support, and the issuance of high school diplomas and career certificates.

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

The direct services will be as follows: a customized portal, 92 semester courses (academic and career training), transcript analysis, academic coaches (certified teachers), learning management system, student services support, and the issuance of high school diplomas and career certificates.

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

According to the 2018 American Community Survey, over 2.4 million of Florida's adults age 25 and older lack a high school diploma or its equivalent. \$2,000,000 will provide approximately 1,826 scholarships for the State of Florida Library System to use in providing services to this population.

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

In addition to the adult dropouts, the Florida taxpayers will benefit. The typical lifetime cost of each high school dropout to taxpayers is approximately \$292,000. A high school diploma and a career certificate opens up eligibility for matriculation into post-secondary education programs and assists high school dropouts in joining the ranks of taxpaying citizens. Program performance is reported to the Florida Department of State and the Division of Library and Information Services on a monthly basis. This data includes the number of credits earned towards high school graduation by each student; the number of high school diplomas and career certificates awarded to students who complete the program.

- 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?

The vendor's online program shall be available from 7:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. The program shall be available 95% of each month, as verified by an independent monitoring company and reported monthly. Financial consequence: Financial consequences in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be imposed for each month that the vendor's program availability (as reported by the independent monitoring company) drops below 95%; and \$10,000.00 each month that availability drops below 90%.



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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.**

N/A

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.