



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1341

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

4. Project/Program Description

St. Pete Youth Farm fosters a space for students to learn through experience, serve the local community, and grow produce at the site. State funding will allow growth and expansion into Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties to attain a more just and sustainable food system, while teaching students life skills, entrepreneurship, and prepare them for higher education, vocational school, or military service.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	170,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
Total State Funds Requested	370,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	370,000	60%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	32%
Other	52,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	622,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Local municipal funding, private donors, and foundation monies.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Collaboration Manager salary raise and benefits to address increased expansion into Hillsborough County	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Assistant salary raise to address expansion and increase human resource needs for extra work, creating one net job for Pinellas County	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	One Farm Manager to manage both farm sites creating one net job ;\$50,000 Four Supervisor salaries creating two net jobs and opportunity for students in higher education;\$45,000	95,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Health, wellness and therapy programs provided for the student youth ambassadors.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Site renovations, development, procurement of seeds and plants, development of solar grid, and property development.	200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		370,000

12. 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?

St. Pete Youth Farm was established to provide access to nutritious food in South St. Petersburg, FL., and encourage leadership, entrepreneurship, and career readiness through a youth development program. Funding will allow a continued supportive environment for youth to engage in the meaningful work of growing healthy food while providing employment opportunities and community engagement.

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

Local high school students have the opportunity to learn about innovative food production systems and the mechanisms behind creating their own small business. Seventy percent of the produce grown will be sold through a youth-driven social enterprise and the remaining thirty percent of the produce will be distributed through the Daystar Life Center, feeding the community's most vulnerable.

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



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The St. Pete Youth Farm aims to mitigate the effect of the south St. Petersburg CRA. The project services most parts of this community by educating and preparing students for the workforce, military service, or higher education; provide fresh produce to CRA civic and church organizations feeding the most vulnerable populations of St Petersburg; and provide fresh produce for consumers in the declared food desert of the south St Petersburg CRA.

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

Improve Physical Health

1. Interns have the opportunity to engage in physical activities.
2. Provide fresh, nutritious food in an area that is lacking adequate access, therefore increasing local residents physical health.

Measured by

1. Students will have demonstrable ten hours of physical activity per week.
2. Garden and students will produce a ton of fresh produce per calendar year.

Improve Mental Health:

Students who historically lack access to mental health professionals will receive mental health counseling when participating as a youth ambassador. Counseling services will focus on mental well-being, lifecoaching, and self-development.

Measured by:

Youth farm staff will provide students access to mental health professionals for ten hours a month.

Improve agricultural production/ promotion/education

1. Students will produce 2,000 pounds of food per year by learning about agricultural production systems

More information upon request.

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?

If St. Pete Youth Farm does not adhere to deliverable or performance measures, the penalty should be discontinuation of funding and reappropriations of fundings not spent.

13. 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 City of St. Petersburg has provide the lands for the Youth Farm. The funding will rest solely with the Pinellas Education Foundation on behalf of the St. Pete Youth Farm.



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number