



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1424

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Our mission is to empower middle and high school girls to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields through college preparation, career readiness, mentoring and entrepreneurship. The representation of women in the STEM fields are low & our goal is to increase these numbers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	100,000

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)	100,000	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 2021-2022	100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21		250,000	114	Yes

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.

If state funding were not available, we would try to secure grant funding through alternative sources.

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

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



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We received \$15,555 in funding to assist with payroll, rent and operations.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of Executive Director's salary and benefits	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Instructors, mentors and program support personnel	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curriculum development, rent, technology equipment, supplies, travel, training, student stipends, transportation and meals.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		100,000

12. Program Performance

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

The program goal is to create educational opportunities by generating awareness of STEM education and careers for low-income, first generation underrepresented girls in middle and high school. Participants in the Tech Sassy Girlz program gain foundational skills to pursue an internship, degree and/or career in STEM. Our mission is to empower middle and high school girls to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields through college preparation, career readiness, mentoring and entrepreneurship.

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

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

Tech Sassy Girlz delivers innovative programs for girls to gain 21st century technical skills. Services include engaging students in STEM based paid internships, mentoring opportunities, and hands-on activities through our after school programs, workforce development programs, hackathons, summer camps, and annual conference.

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

Our target population are underserved and underrepresented middle and high school girls. We anticipate serving 160 students.

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

The program will be measured by the number of program youth served, contact hours, number of youth completing program requirements, number of youth who increase their awareness of STEM professions and careers, and indicate a desire to attend college and pursue a STEM major.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties



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for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Not award funding for subsequent years.

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.

N/A



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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