



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1720

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

4. Project/Program Description

Waypoint Career and Technical College is designed to meet the specific needs of students involved in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. Built on principles of trauma-informed care, our holistic approach is designed to support the academic, career, social and emotional needs of students whose course has been altered by adverse experiences. While admission criteria includes all youth in the dependency system, the focus of the project is to target foster youth who can not be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or juvenile justice involvement. Students may reside at the campus, receive on-site comprehensive mental health treatment services, while earning a career certificate, diploma or degree.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	600,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,100,000

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)	1,100,000	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	1,100,000	100%

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

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

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.**

Potential federal funding.

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



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No

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries will be used to hire school faculty and staff to provide instruction, career guidance, and transition planning to students.	270,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Instructional materials and equipment (textbooks, computers, technology, curriculum, supplies, testing); Operating expenses to support staff development (training fees, related travel costs).	230,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of existing structure to include remodel of classrooms, instructional technology labs, media center. Enhancement of technology infrastructure (cabling, network, Internet connectivity).	600,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,100,000

12. Program Performance

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

With less than 10 percent of foster youth graduating from college, foster youth are in need of targeted guidance and support for career preparation. The purpose of the funds being requested is to establish a career and technical college designed to meet the unique needs of children in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. It is expected that this will not only be the first of its kind in the state of Florida, but also nationally.

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

The funds will be used to provide a career and technical college for youth in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. While admission criteria includes all youth in the dependency system, the focus of the project is to target foster youth who can not be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or juvenile justice involvement. Students will reside at the campus, receive comprehensive mental health treatment services, and earn a career certificate, diploma or degree.

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

The expected outcomes for the citizens includes a reduced cost of public assistance to support foster youth aging out of the system. Data shows a disproportionate rate of homeless foster children. By providing foster youth with a trained skilled, career development, and transition assistance, they become a self-sufficient productive member of society, significantly less reliant upon government assistance.

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

Foster youth who can not be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or juvenile justice involvement.



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

The benefits of the project include decreased rates of homelessness of Foster Care youth aging out of the system, increased rates of post-secondary education attainment of Foster Care youth aging out of the system, increased rates of employment of Foster Care youth aging out of the system. Methodology: "eligible youth" = youth that completed the program who aged out of Foster Care. Homelessness: # of eligible youth who were not homeless post release/# of eligible youth. Post-Secondary attainment: # of eligible youth who earned an industry certification, diploma, or degree/# of eligible youth. Employment: # of eligible youth who maintained employment/# of eligible youth.

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?

Prorated payback of funds

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.

Jackson Oaks, LLC is the owner of the facility that will received the fixed capital outlay funding. Twin Oaks Juvenile Development, Inc., a Florida 501(c)(3), has executed a 20-year lease on the property that will house the Waypoint Career and Technical College for meeting the educational needs of its students. Any fixed capital outlay funding will be exclusively to the benefit of Waypoint Career and Technical College to enhance and operate the school more efficiently.



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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