



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2049

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

For over 25 years, Pathfinder Outdoor Education has been encouraging hands-on (experiential) learning for all ages by delivering fun, challenging adventures that help people learn about themselves, others, and the environment. Experiential learning occurs when carefully chosen experiences are supported by reflection and critical analysis. Throughout the experiential learning process, the learner is actively engaged in posing questions, investigating, experimenting, being curious, solving problems, being creative, and constructing meaning. Pathfinder would like to bring science back to St. Pete by providing accredited experiential programming to Tampa Bay's community members, both inside and outside of the classroom. Pathfinder is requesting funding to support renovating, repairing, and bringing to code the existing building that once was the Pinellas County Science Center so the region's youth have access to innovative, inclusive, and scientifically-sound educational programming.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**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)	1,000,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Yes

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

PPP = \$78,000 - Used primarily for payroll as well as covering rent and employee health insurance

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovations on existing building located at 7701 22nd Ave N Saint Petersburg, FL 33710. The current building needs to be repaired and brought up to code.	1,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

Pathfinder Outdoor Education would like to provide an opportunity for engaging, hands-on science programs that develop curiosity and encourage learning. While partnering with local educators, astronomers, public libraries, schools, and the neighborhood college, Pathfinder could stimulate learning through the continuum of care which will result in ultimate success of future leaders. Studies show that careers in STEAM have grown 79% since the mid-1990s. Currently, Saint Petersburg has no science-focused informal learning organizations. The already existing location has a Title 1 middle school along its property line and, with an existing relationship with Pinellas County Schools, would like to use the existing property to engage the middle and high school age children with the excitement of science in hopes to stimulate the need of STEAM in the community and future.

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

The requested funds will be used solely to get the building located at 7701 22nd Ave N, Saint Petersburg repaired, renovated, and up to code. Pathfinder Outdoor Education is prepared to seek private support or grant funding for other expenses.

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

Pathfinder Outdoor Education will be providing science classes, environmentally-themed outdoor adventure activities, hands-on learning, and other programs to engage children in STEAM.

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



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Children and young adults ages 6-18. Although Pathfinder Outdoor Education is inclusive to all children and families, Pathfinder would like to focus on serving low-income, at-risk, minority families and will be targeting Title 1 schools as well as their surrounding neighborhoods.

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

Pathfinder would like to increase engagement of STEAM education in children ages 6-18. Outcomes will be measured by working with Pinellas County Schools to conduct surveys with the students before and after each visit to determine appropriate learning techniques. Pathfinder will work with teachers after visits to encourage continued learning of curriculum taught during their visits. Overall education will be evaluated on a quarterly basis for all long term programs. Measuring educational outcomes at the beginning, middle, and end to ensure certain learning marks are being met. These evaluation measures will allow Pathfinder to adapt all programs as needed to ensure the best outcomes possible.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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.**

Pinellas County owns the building that will be renovated.



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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