



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1345

1. **Project Title** Magic of Orange County Conservation and STEM Environmental Outdoor Learning for K-12 and Beyond

2. **Senate Sponsor** Linda Stewart

3. **Date of Request** 11/15/2021

4. **Project/Program Description**

Champion Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) learning, leadership, and resourcefulness through outdoor education, from green schoolyards to parks. The ultimate goal is to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the magical synergy of conservation, STEM, and the environment to make conservation and STEM more engaging and inclusive.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	162,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	162,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	162,000	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 2022-2023	162,000	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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.** 138,000

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

Funding from local governments and donations from other organizations may be used in lieu of state funds for this program.

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	Full-time Project Director/Coordinator \$15 X 40 hrs. X 52 weeks = 31,200	31,200
Other Salary and Benefits	Benefits to employee	6,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Materials, equipment, travel, and supplies to establish operational flow.	12,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Goods and services including planter boxes, soil and nutrients, appropriate farm equipment, and educational materials for students' instructional activities.	112,200
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)		162,000

12. Program Performance

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

The ultimate goal is to gain an better understanding and appreciation of the magical synergy of conservation, STEM, and the environment to make conservation and STEM more engaging and inclusive.

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

Activities and services include outdoor STEM learning around the school-grounds and local parks, creating or enhancing gardening projects, train the trainer classes for instructors, water management, conservation, and how to reduce, not just reuse and recycle..

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

Funds will be used for conservation education and STEM and environmental education for K-12 and beyond students in Orange County.

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

The target population served by this project is K-12 and beyond. The project is expected to serve greater than 800 individuals.

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

The expected outcome of this project enhancement of physical, mental, and emotional health. The project will be measured with surveys, record keeping, publication, and distribution of results.

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?



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The penalty will be the elimination of future funding opportunities.

- 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.**

Not applicable. The request does not include fixed capital outlay funding.



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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