



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2087

1. Project Title Waypoint Career and Technical College Facility

2. Senate Sponsor Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Request 12/27/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Create a Career and Technical College Specifically designed for youth in Florida's Child Welfare System. The focus of the project is to target foster care youth who will be aging out of the system and who cannot be placed with traditional foster families because of mental health issues or juvenile justice involvement. Students will reside on campus, receive mental health services, earn a career certificate, diploma, and/or degree, paid work experience, and placement services after aging out of the system.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

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)	1,200,000	9%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,154,000	8%
Other	11,791,000	83%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	14,145,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	400,000	310A	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,000,000

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

None

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

Yes



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

Received a PPE loan in the amount of \$2,442,000. Funds were used to cover payroll and it was forgiven.

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds to be used to renovate classrooms, labs and cafeteria.	1,200,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of these funds is to create a Career and Technical College designed specifically to meet the needs of youth in Florida's Child Welfare System.

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

Youth served will reside on campus and receive mental health services, educational services, vocational training with paid work experience, job placement services.

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

There are no direct services to the general citizens of Florida. However, the youth that are accepted into the college will receive all services listed above.

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

In a study conducted by the Florida Attorney General it was noted that 1 in 4 youth aging out of foster care will be incarcerated within the first two years, 20% will experience homelessness and less than 3% earn post-secondary degrees. Limited job training and vocational certification make it difficult for these youth to obtain employment that leads to becoming a productive citizen.
The program is expected to serve 60-80 youth per year.

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

Youth aging out of foster care that complete Waypoint Technical College will attain post-secondary job specific credentials, increased rates of employment, and reduced recidivism.
Outcomes will be tracked by a database created through Project Connect.



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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?

Loss of revenue if we don't meet the deliverables.

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.

Liberty Wilderness, Inc. is the owner of the facility. Twin Oaks leases the land and buildings from Liberty Wilderness.



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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