



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2150

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Urban Hemp Farm Initiative intends to construct a vertically integrated, showcase, pilot urban hemp farm training and processing facility that is scalable for regional implementation in underserved urban areas across the state. This project will construct and implement a seed to sale urban hemp farm, processing and manufacturing facility in an urban redevelopment corridor and Economic Opportunity Zone in Tallahassee, Florida. We will offer affordable processing, laboratory and extraction services for small to mid-size regional farmers that yield lower volume hemp biomass. This project will create jobs in an underserved urban area requiring at least 13 full time positions to start ranging from \$15 per hour to \$36 per hour as well as free educational opportunities, internships and on the job training for those interested in the burgeoning hemp industry within the State of Florida.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	3,505,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	995,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>

**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)	4,500,000	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 2022-2023</b>	<b>4,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.**

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Manager \$75,000 - overseeing all planning, sourcing, construction and implementation of project  Horticulture / Processing Manager \$75,000 - overseeing all aspects of indoor growing facilities and biomass processing implementation  Extraction / Laboratory Manager \$75,000 - overseeing all aspects of extraction technology and laboratory tech process implementation	225,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Head Lab Technician -\$50,000 + health benefits  Head Extraction Technician - \$50,000 + health benefits	110,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	TBD - \$100,000 budget	100,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Lab Technician - \$17 per hour + health benefits X 2 technicians Extraction / Processing Technician - \$17 per hour + health benefits X 2 technicians White Label Packaging Technician - \$15 per hour + health benefits X 2 technicians Horticultural Processing Assistant - \$15 per hour + health benefits X2 technicians	320,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Horticultural growing & processing equipment - \$300,000 Extraction processing equipment & ancillary - \$800,000 DEA certified modular laboratory & equipment - \$750,000 White label manufacturing & ancillary equipment - \$450,000 FF&E, Overhead, Utilities, Insurance, etc. -\$250,000 Contingency - \$200,000	2,750,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation of 6300sf at \$150 per sf estimated - \$945,000 Architectural & engineering estimated - \$50,000	995,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

To create a vertically integrated pilot urban hemp horticultural facility offering growing, extraction, processing, laboratory and end use manufacturing services as well as free educational, internship and research opportunities in an underserved urban redevelopment area.

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



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Implementation of a state of the art indoor growing facility, full processing, laboratory analysis and extraction services for regional small to mid-size farmers and processors as well as white label product manufacturing for hemp derivatives. Free educational opportunities and internships for those wishing learn more about the various aspects of the seed to sale process and industry.

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

Job creation, free educational opportunities, internships and research opportunities.

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

This projects' target reach is anyone in the local community and region wishing to expand their knowledge and involvement in the Florida hemp industry via the project's specified operational goals of horticulture, processing, extraction, laboratory science, research and training in an urban environment.

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

To increase opportunities for employment and training in the hemp industry in underserved areas. To create a consistent, clean and high value Fresh From Florida sustainable hemp strain and derivatives. To offer affordable processing, extraction and laboratory services to small to mid-size regional hemp farmers with lower biomass volumes and regional processors. To be an educational opportunity for those in the community wishing to learn new skills in urban horticultural techniques, laboratory sciences, processing and manufacturing for the Florida hemp industry. The methodology to measure will be by the project meeting job creation goals and proving financial viability of the business model without recurring need for investment.

**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?**

Forfeiture 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.**

The owners of the entity are the owners of the proposed facility. The owners of the entity currently have 6300 square feet of unused space in the 32,000 square foot Proof Brewing Co. facility at 1320 S Monroe St. in Tallahassee which they are offering for the proposed project.



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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