



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2221

1. Project Title Culinary Institute – Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops

2. Senate Sponsor George Gainer

3. Date of Request 01/11/2022

4. Project/Program Description

Funds are requested to support the Arc of the Bay's new Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops, which was created through a collaboration with Gulf Coast State College and is run through their college cafeteria. This initiative also acts as an extension of our Certified Culinary Institute, allowing us to train those with developmental and intellectual disabilities in the culinary arts and then place them into immediate employment through the Café where they will work side-by-side with 'typically-abled' peers. 14 Culinary Institute Clients will receive their ServSafe Certification and maintain employment through the Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops. 6-8 community members will be employed at the Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops. Funds will additionally cover the costs of comprehensive training from Culinary Institute Instructors and Food provisions to support needed components for this program's operations.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	251,300	19%
Other	75,104	6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,326,404	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. 1,000,000

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

We expect that as the program grows and expands throughout the year(s), program revenue will vastly increase as more individuals utilize the Empowerment Café. We will additionally continue to source new funding from local resources and foundations.



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

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	Agency Overhead/Administration costs.	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	This is the cost to cover other part and full-time positions of cooks, dishwashers, cashiers, runners, and assistant supervisors. This cost also includes insurance and taxes, including the general manager salary, including training students transitioning from the ADTC and the Certified Culinary Institute.	371,803
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cross-Campus transportation (golf carts) to create easy accessibility for those with physical limitations. Program supplies including food, shipments/freight, non-food supplies (disposable dishes, etc), Kitchen equipment, licenses, transaction fees, rentals, dry goods, and maintenance.	560,197
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants/Grant writer to help continue pursuing funding and support for this program.	3,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The ultimate goal of this program is to create a truly integrated and competitive work environment for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing in Bay County and surrounding counties. Clients will advance to a culinary career while working side by side with typically-abled peers. Thus reducing erroneous misconceptions and breaking barriers to entry into the workforce for this population. 14 Culinary Institute Clients will receive their ServSafe Certification and maintain employment through the Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops. 6-8 community members will be employed at the Empowerment Café and Inklusion Coffee Shops. Funds will additionally cover the costs of comprehensive training from Culinary Institute Instructors and Food provisions to support needed components for this program's operations.

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

Funds will support the Empowerment Café. 14 Clients will successfully graduate from our training curriculum and learn the skills needed for culinary based employment in the community. Graduates seek employment through the Empowerment Café, Inklusion Coffee Shops, and will receive comprehensive and continued career planning and support. Staff hired will be 50/50 those with intellectual and developmental disabilities and those typically-abled to create an inclusive and integrative atmosphere.

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



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Clients train and learn directly in a commercial kitchen, learning the appropriate skills needed to graduate with their ServSafe Certification. Clients additionally receive career planning, professional instruction, and a path to employment. This allows clients to obtain and maintain employment, earn a paycheck, pay taxes, and participate in the local economy. Further services to citizens include affordable priced food offered through the café available to college students. Services will additionally extend to employees and students of Gulf Coast State College in the form of affordable catering for meetings and events.

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

The target population includes those with intellectual and developmental disabilities residing in Bay County. We expect to assist 14 clients to obtain employment through the Café and Coffee Shops. Included in our target population is the 2,500 students attending Gulf Coast State College. Many students struggle financially and will experience food insecurities at some point during their educational pursuits. The Café offers meals at discounted rates to students attending GCSC and those who reside in the nearby dormitories. We will additionally serve over 350 faculty and staff through catering services.

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

The benefits/outcome of this project is multifaceted. It will improve local economy by offering new job opportunities as well as the ability for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities to obtain and maintain realistic work, garner income, pay taxes, and participate in the local economy. It will break barriers to entry and allow those with intellectual and developmental disabilities pursue careers without discrimination or exclusion. College students will access affordable hot meals while interacting with and being served by individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Frequent interactions are proven to help reduce stigma and erroneous misconceptions.

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?

Reduction of funds per activity, allowing 30 days notice to include reduction amount.

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 Cafeteria is owned by Gulf Coast State College and will be operated by the Arc of the Bay. There will be no capital funding needs and funds appropriated through this ask would be utilized completely for the program and thus administered through the Arc of the Bay directly to salaries and program related costs. The Cafeteria itself has been donated in-kind, along with rent, utilities, water, and gas, to the Arc of the Bay for this program.



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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