



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2375

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Miami Learning Experience School (MLE) is a not-for-profit Florida corporation 501 (c) (3) with over 40 years of service to Florida's special needs children, young adults, and their families. MLE seeks an appropriation of \$1,329,400 to assist the school in construction of a new building and renovation of an aging 25 year old building that provides services to adults after their 22nd birthday. This single year appropriation would focus on constructing a new building exclusive to the use of the adult program for instructional activities including job readiness; and renovation of an existing building for shared services including art, music, drama, cooking, speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

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	47,197
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,282,203
Total State Funds Requested	1,329,400

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)	1,329,400	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	1,329,400	100%

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

The school has received first round PPP funding in the amount of \$328,200. The funding was used for salaries.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Executive Director salary and benefits have been allocated to the project based on program size. The Executive Director will be the on-site lead for the school in charge of the the construction project. The salary and benefits are allocated based on size of the adult program in relation to the entire school budget.	47,197
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	A new building constructed for the sole benefit of the adult population for individuals over the age of 22 who have been diagnosed with developmental delays.	1,282,203
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,329,400

12. Program Performance

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

The new facility and renovated building will consist of four classrooms, restrooms, parking, art room, music room, drama room, instructional cooking kitchen, therapy space, infrastructure and furnishings. These newly constructed and renovated spaces will allow participants to achieve personal goals related to job-readiness, nutrition, and enhanced cultural experiences.

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

The school is shovel ready to initiate this project to construct a new academic building for our adult program and renovate an existing shared services building.

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

The new facility and renovated building will provided citizens with a safe and age appropriate building for adult instruction in nutrition; cooking; job readiness skills; cultural activities in music and visual arts; as well as technology and personal safety. These activities will be presented in instructor led classes as well as hands on activities.

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

The project will serve 40-50 individuals with special needs. The demographics of the population served are 50% male and 50% female; 77% Hispanic and 23% White; age range of 22 through 46; 60% of participants are diagnosed with Down Syndrome, 30% are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and 10% are diagnosed with single exceptionalities.

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



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The new facility and renovated building will allow staff to work with participants to:

1. Improve Physical Health - Participants weight will be measured at the start and every 3 month interval.
2. Enriched cultural experience - Attendance will be taken at each event and during daily activities that include art or music.
3. Improved quality of education - Course selection forms will be maintained with the clear choices of 3 academic courses.
4. Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency - attendance sheets will be kept to indicate participation in 2 volunteer work activities each semester.

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?

The school would return any unspent funds to the Agency.

- 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.**

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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