



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2394

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

South City is a neighborhood within a mile of the Florida State Capitol that has a population of 3,300, and a median household income of \$29,276. More than half of its children live in poverty, and even more enter kindergarten not demonstrating school readiness. This demonstration project, located in the heart of South City, will serve as a site for high quality learning techniques, assessment and workforce development strategies. The Project will serve as a model for high quality early learning services and provider workforce training for the entire Big Bend region. With Florida experiencing a tremendous need for highly trained staff in the field of early learning, this demonstration project will provide both services for the neediest children as well as training in high quality early education services.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,000,000

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)	8,000,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,000,000	14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	2,000,000	14%
Other	2,000,000	14%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	14,000,000	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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Yes

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

\$25,883 was received to support the transition from in-person to telehealth services for the organizations Pediatric Behavioral Health Navigator Program.

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	Planning, engineering, developing and building the Early Learning Education Center Demonstration Project at South City on land provided by Leon County Schools.	8,000,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

The establishment of an accredited Early Learning Education Center Demonstration Project will address the unmet needs of the area's children by better preparing them to enter school ready and be equipped to be successful in school, extracurricular activities, and their roles in the workforce. The Center will expand the access to high-quality early education programs that includes a two-generational approach and offers comprehensive professional development opportunities to early education providers throughout the Big Bend. By providing training and technical assistance to early learning educators, the project will expand the availability of a highly trained workforce of early education professionals.

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

This project entails the provision of full-time, year-round high-quality services including highly trained and accredited staff, an education focused environment, state of the art facilities, research-backed and developmentally appropriate curriculum, and high-quality materials. The high quality training component will focus on addressing the shortage of early learning providers and workforce shortages in the industry.

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

Young children will benefit from the Center's highly trained full-time staff, education focused environment, and developmentally appropriate curriculum. Parents will benefit from educational resources focused on nutrition and wellness, parenting skills, and a strong network of social services and counseling. Students will benefit from the head start they receive as a young child that focuses on developing educational skills and preparing them to success in a school setting; students can carry and improve upon these skills throughout their entire educational career. The workforce will benefit from the Center because employees will enter their careers with a successful educational experience and a range of skills required to provide high quality early education and address workforce needs.

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



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The target population of this project is the residents of South City and Tallahassee's Southside. At least 3,000 people can expect to be served by this project. Additionally, through the training aspect of the Center, providers from throughout the Big Bend region will have access for training on the provision of high quality early learning services.

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

In the short term, the goal is to ensure that all participating children are socio-emotionally and academically ready for kindergarten and that their families are engaged in the process. In the long term, the goal is to break the cycle of poverty in the community by promoting college and career readiness and decreased incarceration rates among participating children comparable to similar demographics. This will be measured by long-term increases in area kindergarten readiness levels, unemployment rates, and incarceration rates. Additionally, through the training and professional/workforce development aspects of the demonstration project, an increase in the number and quality of early education professionals is expected.

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?

Return of unspent 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 new facility will be owned by the Purpose Built Community's quarterback organization in South City.



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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