



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2574

1. Project Title Joshua's House Foundation Bilingual Behavioral, Technical and Academic Special Education Pilot.

2. Senate Sponsor Victor Torres

3. Date of Request 11/17/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Provide bilingual and gratuitous vocational programs for people with any type of disability, train them to be productive and prepare for reintegration into society.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>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)	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>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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. 250,000

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

JHF relies on donations, contributions from individuals, local companies, private foundations and an annual event; however, we have noticed an increase in people with mental health disorders and disabilities post COVID-19 and we need funds to serve them.

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

No



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	These funds will be used for equipment expenses, rent, supplies, software, hardware, and overhead.	170,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	\$200,000 These funds will be used for professional staff including psychologists, coaches, social workers, therapists, BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst) and specialized staff to teach in vocational programs.	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$100,000 These funds will be used for supplies for students participating in vocational programs in Chef and Bakery Assistant, Organic Agriculture Tech, Arts and IT in radio and production.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	30,000 These funds will be used to hire the staff in charge of managing the specialized study books for people with disabilities.	30,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The goal of JHF is to offer vocational programs to people with any type of developmental and physical disability. Through our programs it will allow us to discover talents and train them to be productive people in society. Within our programs we have, Chef and Bakery Assistant, Agronomy (farmer) Tech, Arts and IT in radio and production.

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

JHF will provide technical training for people with any type of disability. Therefore, we carry out the following activities:  
 - Vocational programs with face-to-face classes and trainings. - Supportive therapies within vocational programs with specialized personnel who support the progress and rehabilitation of students. - Education through civic engagement, to develop their workforce, know, respect and obey the laws of our nation, for their participation in society and their compliance as citizens.

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

Vocational Programs:  
 - Each careers curriculum based on Florida laws educational department in compliance with the require hours in order to acquire the state certification such as Chef and Bakery Assistant, Agronomy (farmer) Tech, Arts and IT in radio and production.

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

Our target population is people with any type of mental or physical disability. We have a database of people with disabilities who hope to take a vocational program with JHF and we hope to serve more than 200 people.

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



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be measured?

Expected outcomes are as follows: -70% of the people served will increase their abilities to carry out technical activities offered in vocational programs.-70% of the people served will reach their educational goals and will have a greater possibility of developing their workforce.-Students will have a unique educational background with a government approved curriculum. Reports will be delivered at the end of each vocational program on the progress of each of the students, which will be socialized with parents and / or caregivers, as well as, an annual report with the programs results taught during the year.

**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?**

Implementation of a Corrective Action Plan

**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.**

n/a



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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