



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1354

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CCARC, Inc., dba, Key Training Center (KTC) seeks an appropriation of \$180,000 to establish within KTC's Career Exploration track, technology resources and business environment that delivers pre-vocational training and employment services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who are economically challenged due to a lack of employment skills. This effort will align with the Agency for Persons with Disability's new LSD4 service to have people employed. KTC Vocational staff will be specially trained in technology that has been created to diminish and eliminate barriers faced by people with disabilities, especially barriers to employment. KTC has a 57-year history of providing high-quality I/DD social, educational, vocational, recreational and residential services. KTC serves approximately 300 I/DD individuals on a year-round basis.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	180,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	180,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	180,000	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	20,000	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	200,000	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.

KTC was awarded \$1,482,300 in the PPP funds to maintain staff employed. Throughout the pandemic, we provided residential and day training services to people in our residential homes, apartments, and day services clients in the community. The repayment of the PPP loan was forgiven 100%. FEMA funds of \$81,707 were used for health measures including PPE, cleaning, and sanitizing supplies. CARES Act \$107,059 used for caretaking services. Citrus Cares \$24,950 used for loss day training services funding.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

13. 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	Salaries and benefits for two Vocational Trainers	46,676
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, wireless access points, tablets, smartboards, virtual reality headsets, printers, Microsoft Office 365, staff training, technology tables/seats, software/applications and office supplies	133,324
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		180,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The goal is to establish within KTC's Career Exploration track, technology resources and business environment that delivers pre-vocational training and employment services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who are economically challenged due to a lack of employment skills. This effort will align with the Agency for Persons with Disabilities' new LSD4 service to have people employed. KTC Vocational staff will be specially trained in technology that has been created to diminish and eliminate barriers faced by people with disabilities, especially barriers to employment.

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

Computers, smartboards, tablets, and mobile devices equipped with specialized software, applications, and virtual reality technology that allow I/DD individuals to learn and practice employment, social, and professional skills that lead to independence and a brighter future. The approach involves practicing various scenarios, such as job interviews, training, social interactions, and conflict resolution, by responding to common questions. These interactions capture video and audio recordings, allowing users to simulate real-life situations and trainers to review and help improve the trainee's skills and report deliverables on the back end.

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

I/DD recipients will receive foundational employment and social skills development, general work behaviors, work performance behaviors, task-related social behaviors, and non-task-related social behaviors, financial literacy, volunteer job exposure opportunities, and job interviewing and learning experiences, getting them a step closer to gaining meaningful employment and thrive in the workforce. Our business community that struggles with a quality workforce will benefit from ready-to-work employees.

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

Initially, for the first year, fifty-plus identified interested I/DD individuals, but the technology resources investment and training will yield hundreds of adults living at or below the poverty level over the years to come.

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

Benefits include an enhanced delivery of service, addressing the needs of Floridians, leading to increased employment outcomes for I/DD participants. I/DD participants will achieve one or more of the following: participate in an employment interest assessment Career Exploration track certification; obtain or maintain employment at or above minimum wage and increase their benefit packages, helping to remove them from poverty; and/or increase access in the community.

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?

Notice with reasonable time to cure or KTC will return any unused money to the State of Florida.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

For Profit Entity



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number