



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2259

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The YMCA reads program will help provide structured reading curricula to help improve students reading capabilities to lower the amount of students reading below their grade level.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

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)	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 2024-2025</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	764,972	500,000	96	No

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.

Not Sure

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.



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## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Sub-grants to local YMCAs to administer the program in- partnership with local school districts.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The goal of the YMCA Reads program is to reduce the number of students not reading at grade level. The YMCA Reads program successfully closes the achievement gap in students' reading performance with structured curricula delivered by well-trained teachers and mentors. The YMCA Reads program teaches literacy skills to students via small group tutoring/mentoring. Mentoring enhances academic achievement through relationship building and increased academic self-esteem from learning to read.

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

Individualized and small group lessons and interactive instruction based on systematic instruction in phonologic awareness, phonics and sight words, as well as differentiated instruction in reading comprehension and vocabulary acquisition.



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

Direct evidence-based reading instruction to struggling readers in grades K-4 with input from classroom teachers and reading coaches.

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

Persons with poor mental health, economically disadvantaged persons, At-risk youth, homeless, developmentally disabled, and grade school students.

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

Improve mental health, enrich cultural experience, improve quality of education, protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.), increase or improve economic activity, create specific immediate job opportunities, enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency, and divert from criminal/juvenile justice system.

**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?**

Funds would be withheld and not reimbursed.

**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

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**



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