



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3189

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Skills Center is opening a new 55,000 square foot facility that will feature the Skills Center's proven model of sports-based youth development to build a future for many of Tampa's struggling youth and young adults. The Skills Center Youth Opportunity will provide wrap-around services for 200 youth and young adults to ensure on-time grade promotion, high school graduation, and successful transition to post-secondary pursuits including college, vocational training, careers, or the military. All participants will receive enrollment and individual service plans that include age-appropriate academic support, life skills development, career exposure, workforce preparation, and service plan indicated basic need support.

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	40%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	60%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,250,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,500,000	2341A	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.**
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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.

Hillsborough County Rapid Response for COVID-19 safety improvements and reimbursements: \$7,373; PPP 2020: \$44,220 and PPP 2021: \$49,530 (both have been forgiven).

## 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	Unit cost to serve one participant for 1 year, includes staff, supplies, occupancy, transportation, evaluation, and administrative oversight. 200 youth/young adults @ \$2,500 each.	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?



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The Skills Center will provide wrap-around services for 200 youth and young adults to ensure the goals of (1) on-time grade promotion, (2) high school graduation, and (3) successful transition to post-secondary pursuits including college, vocational training, careers, or the military. The Skills Centers vision is that all participants are economically self-sufficient and escape the generational poverty in the surrounding neighborhoods. All participants will receive enrollment and individual service plans that include age-appropriate academic support, life skills development, career exposure, workforce preparation, and service. plan indicated basic need support.

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

The Skills Center Youth Opportunity serves youth ages 11-18 and young adults. All participants receive intake and enrollment, individual educational plan to direct academic services, and case management to provide support services and evaluation. Trained coaches provide sports-based development, including academic and life skills activities. Goals for all participants are on-time grade promotion, high school graduation, and post-secondary success.

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

In addition to sports-based youth programs, participants receive academic support, life skills training, career exposure, workforce training including employability skills and job placement. An Esports arena is available to all who want to learn and compete with peers in their community and across the globe. There is wellness programming with the teaching kitchen for promoting health and nutrition, and fitness training equipment. All participants are supported to reach their identified goals that link to on-time grade promotion, high school graduation, and post-secondary success.

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

The Skills Center will recruit youth and young adults in the low-to-moderate income neighborhoods surrounding The Skills Center. Our participants are likely to be struggling in school, lack family resources for enrichment activities, and have no realistic identified personal future goals. Both boys and girls are targeted for participation. We expect to serve 200 youth and young adults with this project.

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

The Skills Center's goal for every participant is 80% program retention; 100% on-time grade promotion; 100% high school graduation fully prepared for post secondary activities; and successful post-secondary completion of college, vocational training, career, or the military. The IMPACT is long-term employment and increased earnings; reduced poverty; increased tax generation; and decreased cost for health care (physical and behavioral) and incarceration. The Skills Center has secured a proven participant enrollment, tracking, and reporting system, Scoreboard, courtesy of the Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment Foundation.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

**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



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- 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

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**