



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3196

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Our request for appropriations will directly address unemployment and low employment in the STEM fields using solar workforce training, urban agriculture, and aquaculture trainings among undeserved communities in Hillsborough County, Orange County, and Miami-Dade County. Funding will be used to train members of those communities in urban agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture, renewable energy technologies, and sustainability. We will implement a certificate program and provide all materials in English and Spanish.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	985,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	985,000

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)	985,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	770,000	31%
Other	750,000	30%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	2,505,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23		965,000	1415	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Corporate and individual philanthropic fundraising can be utilized for additional funding.

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

Yes



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

PPP Loan-\$50,000

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	Executive Director will serve as project leader of this Statewide program, traveling to sites and meeting with partners to assure that the goals of the project are met.	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Health Insurance	12,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel Stipend (Hotel, Rental Vehicles, Meal Stipend).	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Single Audit Required by FDACS (\$10,000) and Contracted Project Accountant (\$30,000) to handle FDACS grant compliance.	40,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Chief Operations Officer will serve as the lead staff member organizing logistics of the project and assuring goals are achieved by Staff Members and hired contractors hired as experts to help with education and implementation of the project. Position will also curate experiences for certificate program. Chief Branch Officer will manage all action projects happening as educational experiences.	230,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	- Project Materials for Urban Agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture and renewable energy - Travel Stipend (Hotel, Rental Vehicles, Meal Stipend)	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	- Community Contractors and other nonprofit partners in Orlando, Miami, and Tampa - Project Materials for Urban Agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture and renewable energy - Travel Stipend (Hotel, Rental Vehicles, Meal Stipend)	648,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		985,000



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14. Program Performance

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

We will utilize, improve, and expand our existing certificate program to provide young people 13-35 and the general public from within the target locations with STEM education and workforce training. Participants may choose between training on urban agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture, and renewable energy. Participants may choose to engage with as few as one or all certificate program tracks.

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

STEM workforce training online and in-person across Tampa, Orlando, Miami, and Homestead.

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

Educational services and workforce training with certificates for STEM jobs in urban agriculture, hydroponics/aquaculture, and renewable energy.

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

Young people 13-35 and members of the general public looking for STEM education experiences, guidance, and professional development.

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

500 Certificates for the target population

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 penalties will suffice.

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



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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