

LFIR # 3677

1. Project Title Preparing Florida's Workforce Through Agricultural Education

2. Senate Sponsor Jay Collins

3. Date of Request 01/18/2024

4. Project/Program Description

This funding request will ensure that nearly 70,000 students enrolled in agricultural education in Florida will benefit from programming that will provide opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth, and workforce training through their intra-curricular involvement with FFA. FFA program delivery will be enhanced to complement the classroom STEM-Based learning that takes place in Florida's agriculture classrooms.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,250,000

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

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
2023-24	0	1,250,000	96	No	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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1,250,000

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

If state funding is not continued, public school students would have to pay out-of-pocket to participate in FFA programming.

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.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

O Planning

Construction

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

🔘 Design

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.

🔘 N/A

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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	\$700,000 will be allocated to extend State & National FFA affiliation opportunities to every student enrolled in agricultural education in Florida's public schools. \$300,000 will be used to enhance the delivery of STEM-based FFA programs in the areas of leadership, personal growth, and career success. \$250,000 will provide student opportunities in partnership with the Florida FFA Foundation. The FFA workload is included in this funding.	1,250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	1,250,000

14. Program Performance

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



This funding request will ensure that nearly 70,000 students enrolled in agricultural education in Florida will benefit from programming that will provide opportunities for premier leadership, personal growth, and workforce training through their intra-curricular involvement with FFA. FFA program delivery will be enhanced to complement the classroom STEM-Based learning that takes place in Florida's agriculture classrooms.

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

Funds will be used to provide premier leadership, personal growth, and STEM-based career training opportunities to nearly 70,000 students enrolled in agricultural education throughout Florida.

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

Students will be provided with opportunities for leadership development and STEM-based career exploration within the agricultural industry. Activities will include leadership seminars, industry related competitive events that allow for the application of classroom instruction.

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

The target population served by this project include grade school students, high school students, university/college students. All students (~70,000) enrolled in agricultural education in Florida public middle/high schools.

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

be measured?

The membership opportunities of premier leadership, personal growth, and STEM-based career success opportunities through agricultural education will be extended to all students enrolled in agriculture education courses across the state. Every student enrolled in agricultural education in Florida will benefit from the complete agricultural education experience, which includes STEM-based Classroom Instruction, Leadership Experiences and participation in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE). FFA student affiliation at the local, state, and national level will be extended to all students in accordance with public law as measured by the Quality FFA Chapter Report.

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?

All funds would be used in accordance with agreed upon contracts. Failure to do so would result in forfeiture of future funding.

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□For Profit En	tity				
⊠Non Profit 50)1(c)(3)				

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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