



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1842

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Operational funding for nonprofit co-working business accelerator and workforce hub. The project provides educational and networking opportunities for hundreds of small nonprofits in palm Beach County, as well as providing office space, meeting space and function space for their activities. The workforce initiative provides culinary training and employment placement assistance for individuals who have traditionally faced barriers to employment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	750,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of Executive Director's Salary and Benefits	12,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Admin portion of Program Director and Program Manager's Salaries and Benefits	12,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Program Related share of salary expense and benefits for Executive Director, Program Director and Program Manager	200,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational Expenses for Nonprofit Center and workforce hub building including rent, insurance, utilities, and maintenance. Technology costs to provide training for nonprofit leaders and organizations. Supplies and curriculum for culinary training program to include food, smallwares, uniforms and testing materials.	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants to deliver curriculum designed to maximize operational efficiency and increase impact for over 100 nonprofit organizations. Costs of a needs assessment and nonprofit survey. Consultants will also provide employment related training (resume building, interview skills, job hunting, professionalism, etc.)	125,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The requested funds will deepen the impact of Palm Beach County nonprofit organizations by making them more efficient and more sustainable. In addition, funds for workforce development will provide training opportunities and placement assistance for over 100 clients.

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

Culinary training and employment placement assistance for typically underserved individuals, including formerly homeless individuals, individuals returning to the workforce after incarceration, individuals with disabilities, etc. Nonprofit organizations and their leaders will also receive efficiency-enhancing and impact-deepening curriculum and services.

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

Culinary training and employment placement, leadership development for nonprofit professionals, networking opportunities, trainings geared toward maximizing nonprofit efficiency and deepening nonprofit impact through collaboration.

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

The project serves individuals across all demographics, including elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless persons, individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, physically disabled persons, high school and college students, formerly incarcerated persons. The project will serve approximately 500 individuals.

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

Nonprofits will deepen their impact by virtue of increased efficiency and increased collaboration, to be measured by increase in net revenue over expenses over a 12-month period as well as increase in clients served. These outcomes will be measured by a comparison of financials and impact reports over the same 12-month period. For the workforce program, 75% of graduates will obtain productive employment within 60 days of completion, as measured by client survey.

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 in the contract?

Funds will be returned to the state.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply



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a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

18. 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 Ext.



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19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name	<input type="text" value="None"/>
b. Firm Name	<input type="text"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text"/>

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