



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2954

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Pathways to Prosperity Program at the Samaritan Resource Center together with Valencia College is designed to address homelessness and labor shortages for lower wage jobs. Valencia provides training for jobs in high-demand sectors like hospitality and healthcare, where millions of roles remain unfilled, particularly in Orlando, Florida. This program offers skills training, housing assistance, and job placement, empowering individuals to transition from homelessness to stability while filling workforce gaps and strengthening the economy.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	77%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	19%
Other	10,000	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	260,000	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.



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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	Program Coordinator - \$10,000 Employment Specialist/Case Manager salary and benefits - \$40,000	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Client services - housing/supplies/ and training	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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

The Pathways to Prosperity Program aims to achieve two key outcomes:
Reduce homelessness by providing stable employment and housing assistance - Individuals who complete the program will transition from homelessness to stable living conditions, reducing reliance on shelters
Address labor shortages in high-demand industries - Participants will gain skills in hospitality and healthcare, sectors with significant labor gaps in Orlando, ensuring long-term workforce sustainability.

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



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Measurement Methodology:

Employment Placement Rate: Percentage of program participants securing full-time employment within six months of completion.

Retention Rate: Percentage of participants maintaining employment for at least one year.

Housing Stability: Percentage of participants in stable housing six months post-program.

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

Skills Training & Certification - Job training in hospitality, healthcare, and others through Valencia

Career Readiness Support - Resume building, interview preparation, and soft skills workshops.

Job Placement Assistance - Connections to hiring employers, apprenticeships, and mentorship opportunities.

Housing Assistance & Case Management - Support for securing transitional and permanent housing.

Support Services - Access to mental health counseling, transportation aid, and financial literacy education.

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

Target Population:

Individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Unemployed and underemployed individuals seeking stable careers.

Veterans, formerly incarcerated individuals, and young adults aging out of foster care.

Estimated Reach: 150-200 individuals annually.

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

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Methodology: We'll assess jobs gained and people housed.

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?

Penalties for Failing to Meet Deliverables or Performance Measures

Corrective Action Plan Requirement: If key performance indicators are unmet, the program must submit a remediation plan within 60 days.

Partial Repayment Clause: If services are not delivered as contracted, a portion of the grant may be required to be returned.

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



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☐ No, but intends to apply

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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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