

1. Project Title

The Florida Senate **Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2026-2027**

Crockett Foundation Innovation Center

LFIR # 1069

2.	Senate Sponsor	Barbara Sharief						
3.	Date of Request	11/7/2025						
4.	Project/Program D	escription						
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5.	State Agency to re	ceive requested fund	s Departme	ent of Commerce				
	State Agency conta	acted? No						
			- Figgs Vee 201	20 2027				
D. /	Amount of the Non	recurring Request for	r Fiscai Year 202	26-2027		ı		
	Type of Funding			Amount				
	Operating			500,000				
	Fixed Capital Outlay			500,000				
	Total State Funds	Requested			500,000	I		
7. ⁻	Total Project Cost f	for Fiscal Year 2026-2	2027 (including r	matching funds ava	ilable for this proje	ect)		
	Type of Funding			Amount	Percentage			
	Total State Funds R	Requested (from question	on #6)	500,000	34%			
	Matching Funds							
	Federal			0	0%			
	State (excluding the	e amount of this reques	st)	0	0%			
	Local			435,000	29%			
	Other			550,000	37%			
	Total Project Costs	s for Fiscal Year 2026	5-2027	1,485,000	100%			
8	Has this project pr	eviously received sta	ite funding?	No				
٠.		most recent instance	_					
	Fiscal Year Amount			Specific	Vetoed			
	(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #				

Yes

500,000

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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The CF Innovation Center can secure financial support through a variety of alternative sources, including private foundations, federated agencies, and individual contributions, who often provide grants and donations aimed at promoting education, workforce training and community development. Private foundations and federated agencies, such as those focused on STEM education and youth development, have long supported initiatives that align with the mission of the organization and its Center.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

a. What is the c	urrent phase of t	the project?					
Planning	Design	○ Construction					
. Is the project	"shovel ready"	(i.e permitted)?					
. What is the e	stimated start da	ate of construction?					
. What is the e	stimated comple	etion date of construction?					
. What funding	stream will be ι	used for ongoing operations and main	enance of the project?				
	a of the facility t						
	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.						
relationship be	tween the owne	ers of the facility and the entity.					

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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	The bulk of supplies or equipment that will be purchased include, but are not limited to, 3D printers, augmented reality/ virtual reality (AR/VR) goggles, laptops, consoles, program uniforms, and software licenses. Additional expenses include transportation and accommodation costs for field trips across Florida, supporting experiential learning opportunities that expand access to college and career readiness for youth and their parents.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	or Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

500,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will support the Crockett Foundation Innovation Center's mission to bridge the digital divide by providing at-risk youth and families with essential skills in digital and informational technology and career exploration, thereby empowering families with tools for economic mobility and helping to create a pipeline of skilled workers for high-demand industries in the State of Florida.

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

The funds will support a range of activities and services designed to bridge the digital divide and promote career readiness for local at-risk youth and families. These include hands-on STEM workshops, coding classes, digital technology training, and eSports clinics, all aimed at equipping students with essential skills in technology and career exploration. Additionally, job training programs will be offered to help families develop critical skills for career advancement through courses in Microsoft applications, Google Workspace, basic coding languages (e.g., HTML, JavaScript), and social media management platforms. This way, students and their families can be inspired and empowered to gain the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market, explore career opportunities in high-demand fields, and achieve long-term economic mobility.

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

The Crockett Foundation Innovation Center will be a community hub for technology education and workforce development, ensuring that citizens have direct access to digital literacy tools, industry professionals, and community resources. By providing ongoing support and connecting individuals to a network of experts, the Innovation Center will empower citizens to thrive in the digital economy and create long-term pathways to success.

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

The primary target population for this project consists of students, ages 12-18, living in historically under-resourced neighborhoods in South Florida, along with their families who may be facing economic hardships. This project would serve approximately 500 persons every year with academic and workforce development success.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to empower at-risk students and their families with the skills, resources, and opportunities needed to succeed in the digital economy. Students will gain essential skills for high-demand industries, while families will have the opportunity to improve their job prospects and advance their careers. Ultimately, the project will foster economic self-sufficiency and positively impact both the educational and economic outcomes of underserved communities in South Florida.

Regular monitoring of attendance and progress toward benchmark and certification achievements will be conducted to track and measure the success of these outcomes. Key performance metrics for student participants will also include the number of acceptance letters related to their college or career of choice, while key performance metrics for family participants will be the number of industry certificates completed and/or job applications submitted during their time at the Center.

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?

As a solution-based response, the contracting agency could consider a tiered approach that emphasizes corrective actions, continuous improvement, and performance incentives. Some suggested penalties may include: (1) scaled payment reductions based on missed deliverables or performance benchmarks; (2) submission of a detailed corrective action plan and the continued reduction of funds may be considered; (3) in egregious cases of mismanagement, state funds should be returned or redirected to alternative service providers who are meeting their performance measures.

- 14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No
 - a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?



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	☐ Mitigation (rec	lucing or el	iminating potenti	al loss of life	or property)				
	☐ Response (ad	dressing th	e immediate and	d short-term e	effects of a nat	tural disaster))		
	☐ Recovery (ass	sisting com	munities return to	o normal ope	rations, includ	ing rebuilding	ı damaged ir	nfastructure)	
b	. Name of the nat	ural disast	er (or Executive	e Order # for	events not u	nder a feder	al declaration	on):	
15.	Has the entity app	olied for or	received feder	al assistanc	e for this proj	ject?			
Į	☐ Yes, Applied								
[☐ Yes, Received								
I	□ No								
Į	☐ No, but intends t	o apply							
а	. If yes, provide th	ne FEMA p	roject workshe	et ID#:					
b	. Provide the tota	l project co	ost listed on the	FEMA proj	ect workshee	t:			
16.	Has the entity app	olied for or	received state	assistance t	or this projec	ct (other than	n this reque	st)?	
Į	☐ Yes, Applied								
[☐ Yes, Received								
l	□ No								
Į	☐ No, but intends t	o apply							
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	o. Organization		Foundation	Last Name	Crockell				
	b. Organization								
	d. Phone Number			Ext.					
18. F	Recipient Contact	Information	on						
a	a. Organization	Crockett	Foundation Inc.			_			
k	b. Municipality an	d County	Broward						



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c. Organization Ty	c. Organization Type						
□For Profit Entity	□For Profit Entity						
☑Non Profit 501(c	☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)						
□Non Profit 501(c	□Non Profit 501(c)(4)						
□Local Entity	□Local Entity						
□University or Co	□University or College						
□Other (please sp	□Other (please specify)						
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