



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1509

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Infinite Spectrum Foundation provides hands-on creative media and workforce training for neurodiverse youth to empower individuals on the autism spectrum through confidence building and skill development. Participants learn filmmaking, content creation, graphic design, and/or podcasting while strengthening communication, social skills, and teamwork. The program also offers access to essential technology such as cameras, iPads, and audio equipment that many families cannot afford. Each student completes projects that build a digital portfolio and prepare them for future employment opportunities. Funding will support instructors, equipment, and program operations to serve youth across Leon County and expand meaningful pathways to independence.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	18,000	7%
Local	25,000	10%
Other	7,000	3%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	250,000	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)?

No

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?

N/A

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.

N/A

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversees program operations, staff supervision, compliance, and ensures high-quality delivery.	7,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Administrator, IT support, Data Analyst, Marketing/Outreach Specialist, Student Aide supporting scheduling, tracking, reporting, communications, and participant support.	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptops, printer/scanner, project management & CRM software, communication tools, and office supplies for efficient program management.	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Partial salaries and benefits for Program Operations contractors supporting participant engagement and program delivery.	52,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	iPads, MacBooks, Adobe/Canva licenses, microphones, cameras, LED lights, headphones, whiteboards, student portfolios, facility rental, and contingency for repair/replacement or unforeseen needs.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Certified instructors, guest speakers, and curriculum consultants for filmmaking, podcasting, graphic design, and mentorship.	45,000
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?



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The funds will be used to provide direct educational, creative, and skill-building programs for individuals on the autism spectrum in Leon County, preparing them for meaningful career opportunities in media, marketing, and storytelling.

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

Programs run for seven weeks and focus on content creation, storytelling, branding, filmmaking, and podcasting. Students receive hands-on tech and media training, social skill development, paid internship stipends, and one-time business incentives. Programs are led by certified instructors and guest mentors, offering both structured classes and individualized guidance.

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

Participants gain access to professional equipment, software, and materials, allowing them to build digital portfolios, showcase their work publicly, and develop confidence and community engagement. Mentorship and career support help prepare participants for internships and future employment opportunities.

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

This project serves teens and young adults on the autism spectrum, ages 12–22, in Leon County, with approximately 30 - 45 individuals expected to engage annually across all programs.

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

Participants will gain technical expertise, creative storytelling and marketing skills, and professional readiness. Outcomes will be measured through completed digital portfolios, certifications earned, internship placements, job placements, and participant and family feedback.

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?

Infinite Spectrum Foundation is committed to meeting all deliverables and performance measures outlined in this project. In addition to any standard penalties the Agency for Persons with Disabilities may apply, suggested measures could include corrective action plans, regular progress reporting, and reallocation of funds for specific unmet objectives. The Foundation will proactively work with APD to identify and resolve any performance issues promptly to ensure the program meets its intended outcomes.

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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