



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1856

1. Project Title Junior Achievement of South Florida and Southwest Florida Youth Workforce Pre-Apprenticeship Program

2. Senate Sponsor Jonathan Martin

3. Date of Request 12/4/2025

4. Project/Program Description

JA's Pre-Apprenticeship Program prepares graduating high school seniors for employment and apprenticeship opportunities in high-demand industries. Over the past 3 years, 134 graduates have secured jobs or apprenticeships. State funds will support and expand the program in Broward, Lee and Collier Counties, serving 5 key industries: Maritime, Construction, Telecommunications, Water and Healthcare. These expansions address critical workforce shortages and help more students enter in-demand fields.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,450,656
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,450,656

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)	1,450,656	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	875,000	30%
Other	574,200	20%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	2,899,856	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2025-26	0	1,097,232	111	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Broward - Director: \$131,840 Manager: \$80,422.40 Student Success Coach (2): \$145,024 Employer Relations Managers (2): \$184,576 Lee/Collier - Manager: \$83,722 Coordinator: 60,571.40 Case Manager: 30,108.40	716,264
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Broward: PPE, Supplies and Tools: \$126,550 Certifications: \$92,970 Curriculum: \$74,010 Training Equipment: \$44,250 Transportation, Students: \$150,840 Professional Development and Recognition: \$3,250 Staff Local Travel: \$2,102 Outreach: \$6,750 Program Activities and Events: \$19,370 Lee/Collier: Curriculum: \$1,000 PPE, Supplies and Tools: \$65,000	586,092
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Broward: Online Learning Platform Licenses: \$44,800 Instructor/Consultant/Contracted Services/Room Rental: \$25,000 Lee/Collier: Industry Course Instructors/Trainers: \$40,000 Staff Personal Development: \$2,000 Class Room Rental Space: \$20,500 Case Management Platform: CANVAS: \$16,000	148,300
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,450,656



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13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the requested funds is to support and expand Junior Achievement's Pre-Apprenticeship Program for graduating high school seniors and young adults in Broward, Lee, and Collier Counties. The program prepares students for employment and apprenticeship opportunities in high-demand industries including Maritime, Construction, Telecommunications, Water, and Healthcare. The goal is to address workforce shortages while helping students transition directly into in-demand career pathways.

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

The pre-apprenticeship program provides 50 hours of employability skills and financial literacy instruction and 100 hours of technical, hands-on training. Activities include industry site visits, employer-led workshops, and instruction aligned with workforce certifications. Students also participate in career exploration and training designed to prepare them for entry-level employment or apprenticeships.

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

Direct services include workforce readiness training, career exploration, and hands-on technical instruction. Participants are provided opportunities to earn industry-recognized certifications such as OSHA-10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, NCCER Core, and career-track-specific credentials. The program also connects students to employment interviews and paid job or apprenticeship opportunities.

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

The target population includes economically disadvantaged and at-risk high school students and young adults ages 17–24. Services are provided primarily to students preparing to enter the workforce in Broward, Lee, and Collier Counties. The project is expected to serve between 201 and 400 participants during the fiscal year.

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

Expected outcomes include improved workforce readiness, increased attainment of industry certifications, and placement into employment or apprenticeship opportunities. Outcomes will be measured using participant surveys, pre- and post-tests, attendance and completion records, and tracking of certifications earned. Employment placement and follow-up data are also used to assess program success.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in reimbursement of un-utilized funds 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



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- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ 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



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☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.