



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2030

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Artful Hands Initiative is a barrier-free, art-based and skill-based workforce development program operated by Born Artful Inc. The program provides accessible training opportunities for individuals of any education level, removing traditional barriers to participation through hands-on creative instruction and practical skill development. Participants gain marketable skills, workforce readiness training, and pathways to employment or entrepreneurship while contributing to cultural and community enrichment.

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	155,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	220,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>375,000</b>

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)	375,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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)?

Yes

##### c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

10/01/2026

##### d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

06/30/2027

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be supported through program revenues, grants, private contributions, and future operating appropriations.

#### 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.

The facility will be operated by Born Artful Inc. The organization will utilize the improved space for program delivery. Any lease or facility use arrangements will support the nonprofit's mission and programming, and no private individual will directly receive fixed capital outlay funds.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Oversight of program operations, compliance, reporting, and overall project implementation to ensure successful delivery of art- and skill-based training programs.	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative and intake support for participant enrollment, documentation, scheduling, and program communications.	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	General administrative operations including insurance, permits, software, communications, and office needs.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	CPA services, reporting review, website support, compliance curriculum consulting, and compliance workshops.	10,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Instructor wages for barber, tattoo, and compliance training instructors delivering hands-on workforce education.	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training materials, starter kits, digital tools, manuals, supplies, and instructional equipment required for participant training.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Workshops, compliance specialists, ADA guidance, and specialized support services.	10,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Buildout of training suites and instructional areas, including partitions, flooring, lighting, electrical and ADA improvements, and additional service booths to support post-training work opportunities.	220,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>375,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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



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To provide accessible, art-based and skill-based training that enables individuals of any education level to develop employable skills, workforce readiness, and economic opportunity.

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

Hands-on arts and skills instruction; workforce readiness training; creative workshops; skill certification preparation where applicable; entrepreneurship exposure; and community-based learning opportunities.

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

Direct instruction, hands-on training, skill development workshops, materials access, mentorship, and workforce preparation services.

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

At-risk youth, economically disadvantaged individuals, jobless persons, students, and adults with limited access to traditional education or training pathways.  
Number served annually: 50–75 participants

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

Participants will complete skill-based training programs, develop employable and transferable skills, improve workforce readiness, and gain access to meaningful employment or entrepreneurship opportunities. Outcomes will be measured through enrollment records, program completion tracking, skills assessments, and participant progress documentation.

**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?**

Reduction or withholding of funds if required deliverables, participant service levels, or reporting requirements are not met.

**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

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

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



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**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.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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