



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2681

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Center One Foundation provides holistic college and post secondary preparation, which means that we can work with high school students from 9th through 12th grade and assist them in deciding which of the four options after high school they will take: College, Military, Trade school or work force. Our program is delivered through various models: Group & individual programs, College tours, College Fairs and workshops. Since 2013 we have helped students secure over 3 million dollars in scholarships and placed them into over 20 universities.

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	345,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	345,000

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)	345,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	45,000	12%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	390,000	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.

In lieu state funding we will be seeking funding from local municipal grants, corporate sponsors, individual donations, other grants as well as contract with DCPS.



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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	The Executive Director receives an annual salary of \$75,000, with an additional \$18,750 allocated for payroll tax and benefits (25% of the salary). This role is vital for overseeing the organization's operations, managing program success, and fostering relationships with stakeholders. The total cost for this category is \$93,750, which includes both salary and associated payroll costs.	93,750
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Data assistant will take all collected data and organize, analyze and prepare it in a report for the organization. Accountant will ensure funds are being monitored to keep in compliance with local state and federal requirements.	45,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The Rent/Facility costs \$2,000 per month, totaling \$24,000 annually; Supplies cost \$2,000 per month, also totaling \$24,000 annually; College Trip is estimated at \$8,000 for travel and related expenses; College Visits at \$17,000 for travel and lodging; the cost for supplies is \$26,600.	134,250
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	These coordinators play essential roles in direct service delivery, supporting students in various ways, including academic, career, and life planning. The Accountant plays a vital role in compliance, audit prep, etc.	72,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	345,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The funds will enable The Center One Foundation to expand and enhance its programs, ensuring high school students in Jacksonville, particularly those from underserved communities, have access to resources and support for a successful transition into college, trade schools, the workforce, or the military. By addressing barriers like financial literacy, application guidance, and job readiness, the funding will help students achieve their personal and professional aspirations while building a stronger, more prepared workforce for the community.

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

The requested funds will provide direct services to citizens through Post Secondary preparation programs offering personalized support, academic assistance to improve student performance, and resources that will assist students in areas like Mental Health, financial awareness or personal development. These services aim to foster personal growth and equip students with the necessary skills for future success.

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

We will be providing our inspiring minds program that works with non-profits, and schools delivering post secondary preparation to several students at once. College, Trade school and workplace tours will be offered and arranged for youth to be exposed to the various career paths within several industries.

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

Our target population is high school students (9th - 12th) from moderate to low income. A secondary population are youth from (18 yr old to 22 yr old).

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

Improve Quality of Education: The programs enhance educational outcomes by connecting students to resources that increase their chances of acceptance into college or other post-secondary opportunities, while also preparing them to thrive academically and professionally.

Measurement Method: Tracking the percentage of participants accepted into colleges, trade schools, or other post-secondary programs, as well as scholarships awarded.

Create Specific Immediate Job Opportunities: Resume-building workshops, professionalism training, and career readiness sessions equip students with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce, opening doors to immediate job opportunities.

Measurement Method: Monitoring job placement rates and gathering employer feedback to evaluate how well-prepared participants are for their roles.

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?

Improvement plan or 10% claw back.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? Yes No

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)



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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:

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)



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- 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

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.