



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1561

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program joins in state and local efforts to solve problems related to issues surrounding water quality and preservation of organisms in the Indian River Lagoon. It offers a sequence of courses that provides rigorous content to prepare students for career pathways in aquaculture and ecology restoration in Brevard County and surrounding communities. Students will grow seagrass, oysters, and clams through a hands-on curriculum situated directly on the Indian River Lagoon.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	500,000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	77%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	23%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,100,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



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Brevard Public Schools received \$250,890,449.18 for COVID mitigation strategies and student academic support.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

2/9/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

08/01/2023

12. 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 owners of the facility include the School Board of Brevard County and the Brevard County School Board Leasing Corporation. Other aliases, such as Brevard Public Schools and Brevard County School Board may be used as well.

13. 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: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment needs include culture tanks for fish, systems for growing seagrass, oysters, and clams.; biofiltration units; mixing tanks, and a deck system to meet accessibility requirements for all students to participate in the learning experience	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Greenhouse construction and site clearance and preparation; outdoor classroom	500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000

14. Program Performance

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

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

The funds provided will enhance the quality of life for citizens by providing research-based solutions to issues surrounding the Indian River Lagoon. Students will study the implications of pollution and the impact of human involvement in our ecosystem. They will regenerate bivalves for implantation into the IRL.

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

Students will propagate seed, produce, harvest, and process aquaculture species, and research the control of diseases, pests and water quality problems.

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

At-risk youth, grade school students, and high school students. 150 in year one and each subsequent year. The program will serve high school students in 9-12 grades, as well as serve as an exploratory curriculum for elementary and middle school.

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

Benefits and/or outcomes include: improve physical health, enrich cultural experiences, improve agricultural production/promotion/education, improve quality of education, enhance-preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality, protect the general public from harm, increase or improve economic activity and tourism, and provide internships to high school students in chosen career pathways. The methodology for measurement includes: online testing, assignments, oral presentations, and industry certification exams, better performance on academic testing as a result of mastery of learning outcomes, OJT participation and performance metrics, and local employment data.

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 the contract?

The contracting agency may consider liquidated damages based on a monthly audit after a written warning outlining the items that fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract has been discussed. If after 1 month a financial deduction would occur in the amount of \$1,000 per month until remediation has been achieved.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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



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- University or College
- Other (please specify) Local Government/School District

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

Please complete the questions below for Water Projects only.

18. Have you applied for alternative state funding?

- Waste Water Revolving Loan
- Drinking Water Revolving Loan
- Small Community Wastewater Treatment Grant
- Other (please specify)
- N/A

19. What is the population economic status?

- Financially Disadvantaged Community (ch. 62-552, F.A.C)
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- Rural Area of Economic Concern
- Rural Area of Opportunity (s. 288.0656, Florida Statutes)
- N/A

20. What is the status of construction?

21. What percentage of the construction has been completed?

22. What is the estimated completion date of construction?



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8/1/2023