



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3296

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The primary purpose of this program is to provide challenge grants to public school district education foundations for programs that serve low-performing students, provide technical career and/or STEM education, support literacy initiatives, improve teacher instructional practices, and/or increase graduation rates. Grant amounts are equal to or less than the private contribution made to the qualifying education foundation for approved projects. All 67 county-wide school districts are eligible to access the matching funds providing their affiliated education foundation secures 1:1 matching funds from business, individual, civic and philanthropic organizations (non-tax source contributions).

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	51%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	950,000	49%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,950,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	6,000,000	0	89	No

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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**
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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## 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    
  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?

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.

### 13. 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	This is for salary and benefits of program coordinator and president to coordinate and implement all aspects of the program, including: technical assistance to local education foundation participants; outreach to non-participating districts; participant training; local program evaluation; impact reporting; program promotion to partnering community and business leaders; fiscal accountability.	25,043
Other Salary and Benefits	This is for salary and benefits of grants coordinator to maintain documentation of match certifications, maintain communications with members, manage database, assist participants with technical issues and director of engagement and partnerships to connect participating education foundations with state and national resources and information about local programming.	10,645
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This is for operational costs associated with program management, including: website, phone, rent, staff/member professional development, travel, webinar service, IT support, postage, printing, insurance, office supplies.	9,143
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This is for contracted PEO, audit and communications support services.	5,169
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1:1 matching grants for county-wide school district education foundations, matching private-sector contributions for local projects. Expenditures may include: project staff salaries/benefits, contracted workers, travel, program supplies, computer software/hardware, printing, training/conference fees, rental fees, internet/telephone and postage.	950,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0



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<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The primary purpose of this program is to provide challenge grants to public school district education foundations for programs that serve low-performing students, provide technical career and/or STEM education, support literacy initiatives, improve teacher instructional practices, and/or increase graduation rates.

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

Oversight of program funds: distribution to K-12 ed foundations in 67 Florida school districts; program requirement notification/training; private match fund certification receipt; sub-grant and report vetting; sub-grant peer review; fund disbursement; grant management platform maintenance; report submission to DOE. Grant recipients provide oversight of local projects and ensure meaningful impact.

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

Services to teachers/students of Florida's public K-12 schools, including: project-based learning opps; mentoring; tutoring; school supplies; funds for classroom projects; materials for CTE completion; FAFSA completion and college prep assistance; books and technology for literacy initiatives; support of extended day for low-performing students; and professional development for teachers.

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

The primary target population is students, grades K through 12, in Florida's public schools served by local education foundations. We estimate 800,000 students will be directly impacted throughout Florida.

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

We expect to increase business involvement in career/technical (CTE) programs, increase the percent of high school senior graduates; increase percent of students that improved score on standardized tests; increase percent of low-performing students that improved classroom grade; increased student interest in STEM education; and increase teachers' ability to make instructional impact. This will be measured by local project reports; comparison of pre/post project numbers of students enrolled CTE courses, and comparison of pre/post test scores and survey results.

**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 penalty for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures may include subsequent year denial of funding and/or reimbursement of project funds.

#### 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**



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**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**

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**