



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2284

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Since 2010, Diamonds in the Rough Sports, Entertainment, and Education has successfully helped underserved youth become compliant and self-sufficient by providing the Win-Win Elite Program. DIRSEE's Win-Win Elite program is designed to strengthen student's physical health, academics, and career pathways, while ending the cycle of dismal outcomes (youth violence, gang violence, incarceration) that statistically often plague at-risk youth. This appropriation request will allow DIRSEE to expand the Win-Win Elite program to serve approximately 200 students each year. DIRSEE has a 100% high school graduation rate, 90% student GPA increase and 10 million dollars of college scholarships earned by our participants. The tutors, mentors and coaches provide weekly tutoring, life mentoring, test taking and study skills, college readiness, career guidance, fitness training and nutrition workshops that empower students to advocate for themselves and achieve their academic, health and life goals.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	100,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	300,000	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.



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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.

Diamonds In the Rough received \$120,800. The funds were used to maintain payroll, hire back employees who may have been laid off, and cover applicable overhead.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Pro-rated portion of the financial audit, utilities, rental equipment and office supplies.	3,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Pro-rated portion of this salary for support staff.	3,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Pro-rated portion of laptops, tablets, purchased services, after school, charter bus rentals, hotels, supplies, college tours and enrichment activities, includes learning materials, career readiness, internship prep, wellness care package, college prep, tutoring costs, SAT/ACT prep for students, achievement incentives.	193,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Diamonds In The Rough Sports, Entertainment, Education is requesting funding expand their Win-Win Elite program throughout Leon County and surrounding areas to strengthen students physical health, academics, and career pathway opportunities. The specific purpose of this funding is to assist youths to stay on-track for promotion to the next grade level and graduate from high school and/or college. Another purpose of the funds requested is to provide service that will be used to reduce obesity, anxiety, depression and crimes committed by local youth. Last, the requested funds will also be used to purchase laptops, tablets, school reading and literacy materials, enrichment workshops, college tours and fitness materials.

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

This funding will allow Diamonds In The Rough to extend their Win-Win Elite program to school districts in Leon and surrounding areas. DIRSEE will provide one-on-one or group tutoring sessions for the students. The tutors will assist youth with developing study and test-taking skills, extended tutoring, homework assistance and help with school credit recovery that enables them to graduate and/or advance to the next grade. DIRSEE will provide speaker and college tours help youth become aware of post-secondary education. Additionally, mentors and coaches will provide mental and physical health workshops to assist youth with making healthy decisions, concentrating on fitness and reducing gang activity.

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

Diamonds In The Rough's Win-Win Elite program will provide weekly In-school and after-school tutoring in core subject areas, test taking and study skills assistance, helping youth learn to advocate for themselves, communicate their needs and gain confidence to achieve their academic goals. In addition, the tutoring will focus on strengthening post-secondary education awareness through STEM, literature, college readiness and ACT/SAT prep. DIRSEE will also provide mentors and a youth character- building course to decrease gang related activity. In addition, DIRSEE will provide mental health and physical fitness workshops and clinics for rural youth. Last, DIRSEE will provide professional development in job skill trainings.

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

The target population that Diamonds In The Rough will serve within this project are the economically underserved and disadvantaged youth, rural and at-risk youth, homeless youth, preschool students, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, youth with poor mental health, youth with poor physical health, drug offenders, victims of crime and children of veterans along with their families. Diamonds In The Rough aim to serve 200-400 individuals.

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

This project aims to improve the quality of education for students in which will decrease student's drop-out rate. In addition, youth will be more mentally and physically aware and stable decreasing health issues. Next, this project will improve youth decision making skills, reducing substance abuse and criminal activities by juveniles. The program utilizes pre and post assessments that measure student outcomes, skills learned and knowledge gains, Intake forms, tutor, mentor and coach's notes that monitoring the number of students served, report cards, grades, and other achievement.

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?

Payback of a percentage of the awarded amount to the State of Florida, or designated agencies, if the organization does not fulfill the obligations set forth in this request.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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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
- 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