



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1526

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Recognizing Florida's need for practical and well-supported workforce preparedness programs, Florida 4-H seeks to leverage existing facilities at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake to generate research-based science and agriculture education program, including credentialing, for students in grades K-12. Funds will be used to create ADA accessible lodging facilities that meet American Camp Association accreditation standards and provide for robust and self-sustaining on-site program capacity.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	900,000
Total State Funds Requested	900,000

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)	900,000	17%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,125,000	20%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	228,000	4%
Local	753,000	14%
Other	2,498,000	45%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	5,504,000	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?



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

June 2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

June 2026

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.

Owner: State of Florida
 Managing Entities: University of Florida, UF/IFAS Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, Florida 4-H Foundation

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funding for construction at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake to increase educational program capacity for self-sustaining operation model of the Florida 4-H Camp program.	900,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		900,000

14. Program Performance

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



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ADA accessible and weatherized lodging facilities support self-sustaining operation of outdoor education learning center and increase access to 4-H youth development programs to help youth thrive. Research shows participation in 4-H programs lead to young people who care about others, provide leadership and are civically engaged, and are more likely to attain academic or vocational success, economic stability, be civically engaged and have happiness and well-being. Programs will directly support critical workforce skill development and pathways to educational and career success.

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

Facilities for on-site residential education programs focused on environmental and agricultural sciences leveraging outdoor learning laboratories and access to immersive hands-on programs with capacity to reach 7,000 students annually in a self-sustaining operational model.

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

Delivery of industry recognized workforce certifications, including agriculture, technology and skilled trades, along with science education programs aligned with state standards to complement formal education, and extend additional research-based positive youth development benefits through summer and school year education programs.

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

Primary population is Florida youth ages 5-18, including at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth and families. Center also available for adult and community programming. At full capacity, 4-H Camp Cherry Lake can serve more than 5,000 youth per year.

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

Workforce certification achievement. Improved physical and mental health, science and agriculture education, and appreciation for Florida's environment and natural resources. Positive behavior improvement measured through IRB-approved pre/post surveys capturing behavior modification related to intent to engage in out of doors activities, appreciation of nature, care of plants and animals, application of reuse/reduce/recycle concepts, intent to tell others that protection of the environment is important, and plan to be more environmentally friendly.

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?

Standard penalties for state university system.

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)



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number