



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3407

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Provide curriculum, material and supplies and state of the art technology to facilitate educators teaching elementary, middle, and high school students all aspects of the practice of agriculture and aquaponics. Aquaponics can both fulfill future food needs and sustain natural resources.

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	330,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	330,000

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)	330,000	81%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	75,000	19%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	405,000	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.

Local or private donations.

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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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?

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	Executive Director Salary	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel between schools and other locations statewide will be necessary to facilitate the program.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs of technology, material and supplies will be specific to each unit or school but will include: fish tanks, filter tanks, water pumps, grow cubes, air pumps/blowers, heater kits, and monitoring/alarm systems.	190,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting, curriculum consultants, compliance specialists in appropriate fields of study such as Mote Marine, etc.	80,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		330,000

14. Program Performance

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

No county currently develops agriculture curriculum in schools. School programs focused on education in aquaculture utilizing state of the art technology, working alongside established experts in the appropriate fields will lead our youth into the next generation of agriculture.

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

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

Curriculum, outdoor learning opportunities, and firsthand farming experience.

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

Grade school and high school students.

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

The project is geared toward teaching and improving aquaponics technique which will sustain natural resources. Surveys, testing and progress reports with data analysis of outcomes.

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?

Return of a pro-rata portion of the funds if the program fails to meet the established deliverables and performance measures.

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

University or College

Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name



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b. Firm Name	<input type="text" value="Rubin, Turnbull & Associates"/>
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="heather@rubinturnbull.com"/>
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(305)495-3868"/>