



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2757

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

North Florida School of Special Education is expanding its vocational/job training by purchasing & renovating two existing buildings at the end of Mill Creek Road. This project is set to expand our vocational programming & support services to all individuals living in the counties of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, & St. Johns with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	750,000
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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)	750,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	750,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	1,500,000	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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NFSSE received PPP Round 1 funds used for salaries (\$548,400) and PPP Round 2 funds used for salaries (\$629,945).

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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

July 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 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 North Florida School of Special Education is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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	North Florida School of Special Education is expanding it's vocational/job training by purchasing & renovating two existing buildings at the end of Mill Creek Road	750,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		750,000

14. Program Performance

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

The major goal of the project is to expand our vocational programming & support services to be able to accommodate more individuals living in the counties of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, & St. Johns with intellectual & developmental disabilities.

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



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NFSSE will be able to serve more transition and postgraduate students in 3 vocational programs: Barkin' Biscuits (pet bakery / dog treats made with all natural ingredients), Art With Soul (art studio where students create and sell art made with a wide variety of art mediums), and Berry Good Blooms (farm fresh flowers are grown on the farm and harvested to create floral bouquets for sale). These vocational programs teach employable skills to the students in the program and will enable them to seek compensated employment in the community.

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

NFSSE provides vocational training programs that teach employable skills like packaging dog treats, growing and harvesting flowers, and creating art (to name a few). Students have the opportunity to learn a variety of transferable skills that would result in compensated employment in our Community Integrated Employment program.

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

The target population is 150 transition students and postgraduates of NFSSE. These are individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

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

NFSSE will be able to serve more students in the target population who otherwise have to seek out alternative vocational opportunities that often do not cater to individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities. The expected benefit or outcome is compensated employment.

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?

Penalty- Money per day due to not meeting the minimum requirements as provided.

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



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number