



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1357

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Funding for tuition scholarships for Florida residents with high financial need who enrolled at Beacon College in Leesburg. Beacon is the first institution of higher learning in America to award competitive bachelor's degrees in the arts, sciences, business, and technology in an environment created specifically to help students with learning disabilities, ADHD, dyslexia, and autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) thrive and navigate successful futures.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	500,000	58	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

State funds are requested to help Florida residents -- with high financial need and who possess learning and attention issues -- receive a rigorous undergraduate education in an environment that provides detailed and layered support to address their learning differences.

10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Through Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) funding, Beacon awarded \$918,181 in emergency financial aid grants to undergraduate students experiencing unexpected expenses and unmet financial need as result of the pandemic.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Other: 100% direct scholarship assistance provided directly to Florida students with high financial need, who have learning and attention issues	500,000
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)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Tuition scholarships will help alleviate the cost of a college education and reduce the burden on young Floridians with learning and attention issues.

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

Tuition scholarship assistance will be provided to young Floridians with learning and attention issues.

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

Tuition assistance provided to high-need Florida students with learning and attention issues will broaden our workforce to include more citizens with learning and attention issues, a population that faces significant unemployment. Beacon is heralded as the top school in the nation for educating students with learning and attention issues and learning disabilities.

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

Beacon's Florida students -- all, of which, have learning and attention issues -- will be eligible to be served and supported. There are approximately 70-100 students targeted.

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

Florida students with learning and attention issues will be able to enroll in an academic community that has been heralded as one of the top institutions of higher education for students with learning and attention issues and learning disabilities. Tuition scholarships will make the pursuit of a college education more affordable. Beacon graduates 63% of this population of student while, nationally, less than 30% of students with learning and attention issues graduate.

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?

Beacon will provide the contracting agency with a complete breakdown of students who are provided tuition assistance.

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)



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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