



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2245

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

With 60% of foster youth being homeless, incarcerated, or deceased within two years of aging-out of foster care, foster youth are in need of targeted guidance and support for career preparation. The purpose of the funds being requested is to establish a career and technical college designed to meet the unique needs of children in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. It is expected that this will not only be the first of its kind in the state of Florida, but also nationally.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	10%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,154,000	8%
Other	11,791,000	82%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>14,445,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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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### 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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

9/1/2024

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/1/2025

**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.**

Twin Oaks

**13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries will be used to hire school faculty and staff to provide instruction, career guidance, and transition planning to students.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Instructional materials and equipment (textbooks, computers, technology, curriculum supplies, testing). Operating expenses to support staff development (training fees, related travel costs).	1,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

With 60% of foster youth being homeless, incarcerated, or deceased within two years of aging-out of foster care, foster youth are in need of targeted guidance and support for career preparation. The purpose of the funds being requested is to establish a career and technical college designed to meet the unique needs of children in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. It is expected that this will not only be the first of its kind in the state of Florida, but also nationally. These funds will be used to renovate existing buildings for this purpose.

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



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Technical and Vocational training and certifications to prepare students to be employable and productive citizens with experience in a marketable and needed skill that enables them to enter into a long-term career field.

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

A career and technical college for youth in Florida's child welfare system. The focus of this project is to target foster youth who cannot be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or Juvenile Justice involvement. Students will reside on campus, receive mental health treatment services, and earn a career certification.

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

The focus of this project is to target foster youth who cannot be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or Juvenile Justice involvement.

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

Expected outcomes for the citizens of Florida includes a reduced cost of public assistance to support foster youth aging out of the system. Data show a disproportionate rate of homelessness and incarceration. By providing foster youth with a skill, career development, and transition assistance, they become a self-sufficient member of society, significantly less reliant on government assistance.

**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 agency contract penalties are sufficient.

**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