



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1051

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will support renovation and construction of a multi-function instructional farm facility to support K-12 agricultural programs, increase cafeteria food production, provide educational experiences for all 45,000 students, and create an agricultural literacy hub for our community.

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               | 3,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>3,000,000</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)       | 3,000,000        | 43%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 3,900,000        | 57%         |
| Other  | 0                | 0%          |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b> | <b>6,900,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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?

10/03/23

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

11/01/2024

**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.**

Sarasota County Schools

**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  |   | 0                |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                |   | 0                |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  |   | 0                |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |   |                  |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      | Funds will be spent on the renovation and construction of a multi-function instructional farm facility to support K-12 agricultural programs and create an agricultural literacy hub for our community. | 3,000,000        |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |   | <b>3,000,000</b> |

**14. Program Performance**

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

The Farm will support a community need for a model of a sustainable farm accessible to students for hands-on learning opportunities in agriculture.

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



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Everyday access for students to care for their agricultural projects, standards-aligned field trips for PreK-12 students, to enhance classroom instruction, school-based food production for our cafeterias and culinary programs, and an extension site for CTE students to enhance their career-focused skills.

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

Educating students to become informed consumers and highly skilled employees in our local workforce.

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

Sarasota County Schools students. 45,000+

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

To produce an agriculturally literate student body and link urban and suburban families to an agricultural experience that they might be otherwise generations removed from. Students will be immersed in the experience of agricultural production fostering a deep understanding of our food systems and the ecological services farmland provides while growing food for our cafeterias and culinary CTE programs. As a result of their enhanced experiences at the farm, students that earn industry certifications will give them a competitive edge in the workforce.

**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 are adequate.

**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



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f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number