



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1332

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

Emanuel Jackson Sr. Project (EJS Project) is a not-for-profit organization based out of Delray Beach, Florida with a focus on building and empowering tomorrow's leaders. Our goal is to provide a free, safe, year-round out-of-school space for low-income teens residing in vulnerable sections of the county to invest in their growth and potential. The organization works to create an environment that promotes education, empowerment, self-accountability, leadership, and forward thinking. By offering workplace development through the program, we aim to keep students off of drugs, out of jail, and away from homelessness through living wages in future jobs. Our organization is driven by the vision of a community in which every child is able to access the full range of social, educational, and growth opportunities necessary to succeed in life. We adhere to the philosophic tenet that strong and healthy families are the building blocks of our society.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</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)	250,000	42%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	33%
Other	150,000	25%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	250,000	315	Yes

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.



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The EJS Project continues to grow both in services and support. We have received multi-year support from private entities such as Kayne Anderson Capital Advisors (both employees and their foundation) and public foundations such as the Community Foundation of Palm Beach and Martin County, Pulte Family Foundation, Virginia and Harvey Kimmell Foundation, Children's Services Council, Frederick A. Deluca Foundation, Palm Health Care Foundation, Conrad and Hilton Foundation, Marcy and Leona Chanin Foundation.

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.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director: ensures the mission of the EJS Project is carried out by managing and providing a high-quality program to enrolled teens and their families. This is a highly responsible leadership position with independent authority and influence of nature as to affect the course of the programs or bind it to action, policies, and practices.	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Director of Operations: Ongoing responsibilities would fall into the two outlined areas: administrative/operations and financial oversight.	32,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Professional Development Training, Travel, and Supplies.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Salaries for outside contractors and consultants as needed to provide additional workshops specific to EJS Project goals and programs.	30,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	1) Program Coordinator (1) Certified Teacher, (2) Program Instructors	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program Office Supplies, Program Occupancy Costs, Transportation, and College Tours.	23,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0



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**Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:**

Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>250,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

To provide free quality out-of-school programming and services for teenagers. We are Investing in our youths Growth and Potential at EJS Project Teen Center. Our goal is to provide a year-round safe out-of-school space for low-income teens residing in the vulnerable footprint of our County. The organization consists of creating an environment that promotes education, empowerment, self-accountability, leadership, and creating forward-thinking teens. Working to ensure that each student enrolled in our programs are prepared and equipped to excel in life after high school graduation. We provide each of our students with the essential equipment needed to be successful.

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

Preparing a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students with the leadership training they need to be successful in post-secondary school and in the workforce is vital to our approach to responsible growth and helps to build thriving communities. The more our doors are open, the more opportunities our youth have to take advantage of program services that help support them towards reaching their goals. These services and programs include, but are not limited to, (1) Leadership development and training, college, and career support, and paid internships; (2) Daily meals and snacks; (3) Academic support, tutoring services, and mentoring; (4) Positive peer interactions; and (5) Community service opportunities.

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

Meaningful dialogue around leadership, and positive impact strategies while connecting and engaging with local officials and community stakeholders. Community Building Activities: Working to help increase the tree canopy by planting trees. Beautification and revitalization efforts in the Set neighborhood in Delray Beach. Civic Engagement: Youth engagement in city and county meetings and initiatives, Young Legislators Program, and a trip to the State Capital. Drop-In Services: Daily contact that promotes a relational approach to service provision. Every day our teens can EAT, LEARN, SERVE, CONNECT, HANG OUT, and EXPLORE.

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

EJS Project students are between the ages of 13 and 19, low-income and primarily African American and Haitian, reside in The Set, and attend a local middle or high school. Students may be excelling in school or struggling academically/behaviorally initially but all display a desire to grow, to evolve as young change agents, and to be future leaders. Teens are the focus of the EJS Project because of the limited services provided to this population and the Director's passion for serving at-risk youth.

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

By providing services to our youth daily at EJS Project Teen Center we will reduce their chances of being involved in incidents/activities that could be detrimental to their future. By creating a family atmosphere where everyone is accounted for and spoken to with intention, we expect our youth to rise to the challenges that we have set forth for them. Our methodology is by being proactive about exposing our youth to techniques and skill sets that will help them thrive in the classroom, workforce, and in their community is the difference. Outcome benchmarks will be measured by completion of tutoring sessions, graduation rates, community service hours, certificates received, attendance, and retention.

**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?**

Cessation of funding if year-round programs are not provided.

**15. Requester Contact Information**



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**a. First Name** Emanuel **Last Name** Jackson

**b. Organization** EJS Project

**c. E-mail Address** emanuel.jackson@ejsproject.org

**d. Phone Number** (561)600-1056 **Ext.**

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

**a. Organization** EJS Project

**b. Municipality and County** Palm Beach

#### 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** Emanuel **Last Name** Jackson

**e. E-mail Address** emanuel.jackson@ejsproject.org

**f. Phone Number** (561)600-1056

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name** None

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**