



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1063

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Galileo School for Gifted Learning, a successful charter school system in Seminole County, Florida will soon open the Galileo Early Learning Center to support their 165 staff members with a high quality, subsidized daycare option, based on a solid educational platform which has resulted in the school being designated a Florida Department of Education (FDOE) A-rated, certified K-8 High Performing Charter School; a FDOE School of Excellence; one of Seminole County's leading schools. The proposed daycare will serve infants (6 weeks) to 4 years of age in a safe, loving, and nurturing environment. This location will serve 152 students with first priority for placement being given to Galileo School for Gifted Learning staff. The daycare will promote teacher retention in the Galileo School system by providing outstanding benefits to our dedicated staff.

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?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No

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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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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	State funding will be used to support the reduction of tuition costs for school employees who have children enrolled in the Galileo Early Learning Center. The state funds will reduce weekly tuition by 25-35% for working teachers and staff over a period of three years, thereby improving teacher retention as staff will be able to have their children onsite in a school run daycare, no longer worrying about lack of quality daycare options. Each school staff member would receive \$100 off.	500,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The United States is dealing with a nationwide teacher shortage. Many child-bearing teachers choose to stay home after bearing children due to the rising cost of daycare. With the development of the Galileo Early Learning Center, Galileo staff will have access to a fantastic daycare option, onsite at our school, at a subsidized employee rate of tuition. Galileo teachers will be excited to have their children attend the Galileo Early Learning Center and be more likely to maintain their careers serving the local community.

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

These funds will be used to provide quality daycare options at a subsidized rate for Galileo Teachers and Staff, which will improve teacher retention.

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

The Galileo School Community serves nearly 1400 students in Seminole County. This project will improve the likelihood that quality teachers will remain in their positions educating these students because their own children will be afforded a wonderful education through the Galileo Early Learning Center at a subsidized rate of tuition.

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

It is estimated that 26 Galileo Staff members would take advantage of using the Galileo Early Learning Center annually. Those 26 staff members directly impact our 1400 students served across both campuses by providing an increase in staff retention annually. Over the five-year period of this project, thousands of Galileo students and families will be affected positively by the Galileo Early Learning Center.

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

Employee retention will be improved by 20% through the implementation of this program as it is currently estimated that one in five of the Galileo Teachers and Staff have a child in the age range of the Galileo Early Learning Center. It is anticipated that this subsidized, quality educational option will be widely attractive to staff members. This benefit will be tracked annually through the Galileo School Success Report.

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?

Galileo will strive to create a quality early learning environment that mirrors the success of the two current charter schools. Failing to provide a quality early learning environment that would not be an attractive option for staff would not produce the intended teacher retention outcomes, which in turn would affect the opportunity that the Galileo Community has to receive a desirable high-quality education in grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

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



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- 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

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number