



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2577

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project LIFT has expanded into a financially disadvantaged community in St. Lucie County after 13 years of success in Martin and Palm Beach Counties. Our innovative delivery of mental health services provides social emotional learning through the unique platform of vocational training. At no cost to participants, at-risk young men & women ages 14-21 engage in hands-on vocational training while licensed therapists address mental health and substance abuse issues. Project LIFT provides an onsite high school diploma program through a platform administered by a licensed education program for high school dropouts. The region served includes a rural area of economic concern. Land has been donated with a fixed structure that is being renovated with the construction of additional buildings for vocational training.

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	742,700
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>742,700</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)	742,700	49%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	365,000	25%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,500	14%
Other	175,000	12%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,483,200</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	742,700	378	No

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.

Private funding.

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



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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		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	Teacher - 1 FTE \$50,000 Program Director - 2 FTE \$110,000 Therapist - 2 FTE \$130,000 Marine, Construction, HVAC, Welding, Plumbing Vocational Training Instructor - \$275,000 Benefits, payroll taxes, and benefits - \$84,750	649,750
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Online educational platform, 23 high school dropout students - \$24,000 Computers for HS dropout students - 10 - \$7,500 Food - average 6 months of food, 4 lunches/week - \$12,000 HS Educational Supplies - \$5,000 Transportation for HS dropout students - \$10,000	92,950
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>742,700</b>



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#### 14. Program Performance

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

a. At risk teens (14-21 years old) receive mental health care. Tested weekly for substance abuse. If fail 3X, based on the standard of care, referral will be made to an inpatient program. 70% will graduate substance free.  
 b. 65% of referrals from the criminal justice system will not reoffend.  
 c. 70% of high school dropouts will graduate with an accredited diploma.  
 d 70% of graduates employed, enlisted in military or enrolled in post-secondary education within 1 year.

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

Purchase supplies and equipment for vocational training.  
 Mental Health therapy.  
 Vocational training.  
 Substance Abuse Treatment and workshops.  
 Life skills workshops.  
 Job Training. High School Diploma program for dropouts.

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

Transportation to and from the program.  
 Access to Mental Health Clinicians. Case Managers and Substance Abuse Experts.  
 Vocational job training.  
 One-on-one tutoring while pursuing a high school diploma; Mentoring in life skills; Job training and work readiness preparation; Wraparound services.

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

Persons with poor mental health  
 Persons with poor physical health  
 Jobless persons  
 Economically disadvantaged persons  
 At-risk youth  
 Homeless

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

IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH-70% improved Mental Health Indicators at or above the industry standard improvement.  
 Individual and group therapy during entire program.  
 Methodology-Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale Pre/Post Test-Adverse Childhood Experience.  
 Attendance tracking, Substance Use Inventory, drug testing, treatment planning.  
 IMPROVE QUALITY OF EDUCATION: 70% of high school dropouts will graduate with their diploma.  
 Methodology-Penn Foster on-line high school curriculum.

##### 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?

A 10% cut every month if deliverables are not met. Within 3 months, a remedial plan will be created and executed.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

f. Phone Number

**17. Lobbyist Contact Information**

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number