



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2865

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

CFUL's STEM Family Enrichment Program was created to uplift local families by leveraging the incredible STEM opportunities within Central Florida, in partnership with CareerSource Central FL, Valencia College, Orange County Public Schools, DJJ, Central Florida Tourism District, and other partners. This program will target 1,000 local youth, providing them a foundation in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, allowing them the opportunity to explore these core subjects with the goals of increasing student achievement in the near term, as well sparking an interest in these advanced areas of study. Youth will be enrolled in a total of 160 hours of programming on a bi-weekend basis, focusing on information technology, engineering, physical sciences, biology, gaming, virtual reality and hands-on engagement. Simultaneously, CFUL and its partners will engage the parents and family members of these youth through STEM upskilling opportunities and job coaching.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</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)	1,000,000	84%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	8%
Other	100,000	8%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

CFUL received a \$100,000 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan that was forgiven; this was used to pay employees during the pandemic. CFUL also received a \$500,000 Economic Injury Disaster loan (EIDL) that was paid off; this was used for working capital.

## 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	Responsible for overseeing all administrative aspects of implementing the program. The administrator will collaborate with and coordinate all community and partner resources; monitor all aspects of the program to ensure that laws, regulations, and policies are followed; prepare and submit reimbursement packages; and approve all purchases for the program.	75,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Costs for payroll taxes (Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment compensation) for CFUL portion of all wages for all staff. Cost for employer-share of health and dental insurance for salaried program staff (program administrator and program director). Other fringe benefits, such as sick leave, paid time off and pension plan included.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries: Program Director (1) and Site Coordinators (2) Responsible for overseeing all operational aspects of the CFUL program, to monitor all aspects of the program to ensure that the goals and objectives of the grant are met, and coordinate all CFUL program activities and services for actively participating youth and adults.	250,000



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Materials and Supplies: Consumables Materials and Supplies: Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Field, Trips, Postage, Printing.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Staff: Certified Teachers (10) Contracted Services: Background Screenings	325,000
<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>1,000,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The funds will help the CFUL establish a program to provide youth with a fundamental foundation in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. This program target students who are underachieving in these areas and allows them the opportunity to explore these core subjects with the ultimate goal of sparking an interest in these advanced areas of study. This program will target 1,000 at-risk youth in Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties.

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

(1) Academic remediation to address low levels of student academic performance in reading, writing, science and mathematics; (2) Service learning and community awareness; (3) Entrepreneurial education and mentoring to address high unemployment rates and poverty; and (4) Parent services to address low educational levels via upskilling, enhance parenting skills and improve parental involvement.

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

(1) Increase the number of STEM college majors; (2) Serve as a diversion program for at-risk youth; (3) Encourage minorities, who are severely underrepresented in said arena, to seek out a future in one of the STEM fields of study; (4) Help students reach their full potential; (5) Provide educational opportunities to parents to help them qualify for in-demand, high-wage employment.

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

This program will target 1,000 at-risk youth in Orange, Seminole, and Volusia Counties

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

Outcome: Increase in student achievement, increased interest in pursuing a STEM career. Method for Measuring: Pre and Post tests for each student, Florida Assessment of Student Learning (FAST), progress monitoring tools, career interest surveys

**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?**

Return all funding to the state and understand that further projects are likely to be denied at the state level in the future.

**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