



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3124

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

4. Project/Program Description

Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) requests supplementary funding to aid in the development of a K-8 campus in Mulberry. RCMA Mulberry Community Academy is a free, public charter school in Polk County, Florida. This dual language school opened in August of 2023, serving migrant and low-income families. MCA will serve students in grades K through 1st grade, adding a grade every year until MCA becomes a K-8th grade school. The school will serve 360 students at full enrollment. RCMA is a Hope Operator and MCA will be the third RCMA school, the first in Polk County. Over the last 56 years, RCMA has worked hand-in-hand with families to help them leverage their strengths and overcome the challenges seasonal migrant work presents for the education of their children. With our collaboration, over 40,000 children have made quality education a reality.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,536,202
Total State Funds Requested	2,536,202

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)	2,536,202	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	2,536,202	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.**

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
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	- Relocation and renovation of existing modulars, site work and associated zoning/permitting for 4 classroom expansion (\$1,401,352), and - Comprehensive project planning inclusive of design fees, permit and zoning fees, replatting fees, legal fees, environmental and site diligence fees associated with the development of a 22k sf new construction facility (\$1,134,850)	2,536,202
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,536,202

14. Program Performance

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



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The funds requested will cover construction expansion plans during Year 2 and 3 of RCMA Mulberry Community Academy's expansion, enabling the school to focus on a successful start-up of the academic program while growing to full enrollment. These funds will be levered with the receipt of full project financing, meaning this investment will enable a much larger project to take place that benefits the school at a fully enrolled 360 students.

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

Relocation and renovation of existing modulars, site work and associated zoning/permitting for 4 classroom expansion, and comprehensive project planning inclusive of design fees, permit and zoning fees, replatting fees, legal fees, environmental and site diligence fees associated with the development of a 22,000 sf new construction facility.

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

RCMA will be operating a K-8 Schools of Hope Charter School. At full enrollment the school will serve 360 students. RCMA provides specialized education tailored to children in migrant and low-income families.

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

This project will allow RCMA to serve local students, many of whom are currently enrolled at RCMA Child Development Centers. The school site is the hub of the migrant population for Polk County and will provide citizens with a dual language K-8 charter school.

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

The funds will go towards pre-development costs which will allow the RCMA to build a new school in Mulberry for K-8. Completion of site-work to begin construction will be the outcome of the project.

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?

Temporary withholding of funds until progress has been made.

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



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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