



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2496

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

4. Project/Program Description

In collaboration with the Barrington Irving Technical Training School, known for their “Flying Classroom”, The Carrie Meek Foundation has developed an immersive aviation training program for individuals experiencing unemployment or underemployment. The program will provide opportunities for personal and professional development, addressing the talent and training gap through STEM- related education, projects, industry certifications, job placement, mentorship that will support personal and career development. This training pilot program will target 100 youth and adults ages 18 and up from Miami-Dade County for “The Flying Classroom.” In addition, to technical instruction, participants will benefit from soft skills training to include resume writing, interviewing, time management, organizational skills, problem-solving and critical thinking. This program will have a profound impact for each participant, their families, and the broader community.

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	950,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	950,000

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)	950,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	950,000	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	1,900,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

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

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.**

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	Program Director (ED) of Carrie Meek Foundation (CMF) \$80,000 and Experience Aviation Program Director (PD) \$80,000 Pogram Manager (EA) \$65,000; Program Manager (CMF) \$65,000 CMF Recruitment Specialist (CMF) \$55,000 for recruitment of students and job placement	346,000
Other Salary and Benefits	CMF Executive Director Benefits: \$6,120; Experience Aviation Program Director: \$6,120 Program Manager Experience Aviation: \$5,010; CMF Program Manager: \$5,010 Recruitment Specialist (CMF): \$4,973	27,233
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies \$15,000, Program Advertising \$25,000	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Data Analyst for program outcomes and participant tracking Social Services Placement consultant	91,767
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Certified Aviation Program Instructors (Airframe and Powerplant, NC3, Precision Measuring, Torque and others); Student support services, including job placement, Training simulators, Lab workstations	395,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Data Analyzation = \$50,000	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		950,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The project will create career pathways for citizens entering the community after incarceration; to create positive impact on the local economy and increase safety through, training, job placement, and soft skills development for returning citizens as well as adults from the general population. This aviation based program involves participants aged 18-50 providing comprehensive industry-related STEM and technical skills

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

Our comprehensive aviation program will provide opportunities for individuals with an immersive 10-15 week training experience focused on aviation and mechanics. The activities provided are on-the-job training, educational courses with industry certifications, job placement, case management and scholarships to ensure the participants are adequately prepared to work.

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

Participants will benefit from a structured curriculum encompassing flight and maintenance training, mentorship by industry professionals, assistance securing aviation jobs, scholarships for pilot licenses, and case management to address personal challenges and ensure program success. These direct services are designed to ensure the success for each participant.

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

The target population to be served by this project are jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, physically disabled, high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons. This project is expected to serve 51-100 individuals.

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

The expected benefit is to improve mental health, the aviation program will help participants reduce stress and anxiety levels. This can be measured by involving a systematic and data-driven approach via surveys, questionnaires, interviews, focus group sessions, etc. To improve quality of education is another expected benefit that would include various factors, including standardized test

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?

Standard penalties will apply

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



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- 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