



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2666

1. Project Title Supporting Parents, Teachers and Students to Improve Science Test Scores in Florida

2. Senate Sponsor Linda Stewart

3. Date of Request 03/02/2023

4. Project/Program Description

OSC is proposing an analysis of statewide science and math scores to identify where the largest gaps exist and the standards that students struggle with the most to address significant drops in Florida State testing pass rates in these subjects. OSC will develop and deliver training modules for parents, teachers & students to help improve science and math scores, allowing Florida's youth the opportunity to be more competitive in these subjects and to provide access to lucrative careers.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	307,637
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	307,637

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	307,637	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 2023-2024	307,637	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?

Yes



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

OSC has received a total of \$4,776,715 in COVID-19 related funding. We received support through the Paycheck Protection Program which has supported personnel and benefits for staff; federal grant funding to support the purchase of PPE and COVID-related health and facilities upgrades to ensure the safety of our visitors, students, volunteers, and staff; and most recently SBA's Shuttered Venue Grant.

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

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	Vice President of Education will conduct oversight, develop curriculum, and provide program management for the project.	6,695
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Director of Education Initiatives, Education Specialist, 2 Educators, & Coordinator of Education Initiatives will provide program development, curriculum content development, program implementation of professional development training & workshops, coordination with schools & families, and program evaluation. Program development will be specially designed to create reusable modules for future use.	145,942
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	In-person and virtual training workshops and supplies needed for workshops; staff transportation to and from program sites; the purchase and outfitting of a van, gas, and maintenance; take-home science and math activity kits for parents, teachers, and families. Workshop participants will receive free activities kits for learning extension.	155,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		307,637

14. Program Performance

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

OSC is proposing an analysis of statewide science and math scores to identify where the largest gaps exist and the standards that students struggle with the most to address significant drops in Florida State testing pass rates in these subjects. OSC will develop and deliver training modules for parents, teachers & students to help improve science and math scores, allowing Florida's youth the opportunity to be more competitive in these subjects and to provide access to lucrative careers.

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

After analyzing statewide science and math scores and identifying hardest to understand standards, OSC will provide training modules that raise students' understanding, give teachers alternate strategies for teaching these concepts, and provide parents with support to serve as their child's first teacher. Curriculum will include engaging hands on activities & take home materials for learning at home.

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

OSC will directly serve parents, teachers, and students. We will deliver training and make training modules available to homeschool families struggling with science. We will deliver training to teachers, raising their understanding of and focus on hard to understand science standards. We will deliver training to students with engaging hands on activities to bring difficult concepts to life.

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

Grade school students, high school students, parents, teachers, and caregivers. 800+ individuals are expected to be served.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to improve quality of education. We will specifically measure increased student confidence and interest in science and math concepts, as well as increased understanding and focus from parents and teachers on "hard-to-understand" science and math concepts to raise statewide math and science test scores that will ultimately make Florida students more competitive in science and math and the lucrative careers that require these skills. OSC will evaluate statewide scores to identify improvements for the standards that were targeted through our training.

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?

OSC will furnish reports to describe the project progress during the period of performance. Any unused funds will be returned to the State of Florida.

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



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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