



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1527

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

4. Project/Program Description

SMART Academy Services Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization that teaches students K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM). The STEM program consists of:

- * Electronic Circuitry and Design
- * Robotics
- * Software Coding
- * Horticulture

Other services SMART Academy Services provides include:

- * Remedial Training
- * Life Skills Coaching

The program is staffed with retired and active business professionals who believe in giving back to the community. By partnering with local organizations within our communities, we are able to provide these services at no charge to children whom may not have been able to afford it.

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	110,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	110,000

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)	110,000	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	110,000	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?**



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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?

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	Management	25,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Finance, Marketing, Secretary (Officers)	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, Printers, Conferences, Meetings, Training Handbooks, Commuting, Classroom Aides	7,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Tax Preparation, Advertising, IT Support, Legal Support, and Accounting Fees	8,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	STEM and Horticulture Instructors, Life Skills Coaches, STEM Pre-Post Testing, and Psychometric Testing	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, Video Tutorials, Elearning Tutorials, Testing, Training Materials, Computers, STEM Equipment, Supplies, Printers, & Horticulture Equipment	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	110,000
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14. Program Performance

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

The objective of the program is to teach students the fundamentals of electronics, robotics, software coding, and horticulture using hands on tools and fun applications. SMART Academy Services founders realized the lack of STEM programs have limited our youth and young adults opportunities in future science-based fields, so we designed this program to specially meet their needs and future career challenges.

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

SMART Academy STEM activities include:

- Electronic Circuits Training
- Robotics Training
- Software Coding
- Life Skills Coaching
- Horticulture Training
- Mentorship

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

SMART Academy STEM program includes:

- Electronic Circuits - Circuit Card Assy, Schematics & Diagrams, Electricity & Magnetism
- Robotics - Manufacturing & Assy, Programming
- Software Coding - Coding & Programming Languages
- Life Skills Coaching - Goal Setting, Team Building, Conflict Resolution, Etc.
- Horticulture- Gardening
- Mentorship - Personal & Professional Development

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

Target Population Served:

- Economically Disadvantaged Persons
- At-Risk Youth
- Grade School/High School Students

Individuals Expected (30-40 Students)

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

Benefits or Outcomes: (1) Improve Mental Health (2) Improve Agricultural Production, Promotion, & Education (3) Increase Students Interested in STEM Education

Methodology by which these outcomes will be measured:

(1) Evaluation and Testing are provided to each student to determine their mental state. Students participate in various verbal and written exercises that aid them in developing self-confidence and to successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges, such as bullying and how to deal with conflict. (2) SMART Academy teach the students the properties of the soil and how the soil interacts with the growing crop. Students explore what nutrients the crop needs and when and how to apply these nutrients; the ways that crops grow and develop; and how climate and other environmental factors affect the crop at all stages. (3) Metrics, Pre-tests, and Post-tests are used to assess performance, track progress, and measure the success of the various subject matters.

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?

Suspension of funding until the company can justify and has proven deliverables and performance measures have been met.



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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
- 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