



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1928

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Career Paths/Career Campus project is an expansion of a best-practices project that resulted in improved community employment outcomes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The project will address federal and state goals by implementing evidence-based strategies for developing career paths to stable, community employment, offering participants a new career exploration on-ramp that combines college coursework, industry certifications, internships, and job support that enhances employability and integration within the community. The Arc Jacksonville will cultivate new business partnerships to provide on-the-job training and permanent employment, leading to improved self-sufficiency for individuals with an intellectual and/or developmental disability.

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	340,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	340,000

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)	340,000	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	340,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	300,000	240A	No

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.

Optional funding not available.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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

PPP loan 1 - 1,239,900 - staff salaries, benefits, utilities.
 PPP loan 2 - 1,175,940-staff salaries, benefits and utilities.

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	Salaries and benefits for six employment staff persons.	340,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		340,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The specific purpose to be achieved by the funds requested is to deliver innovative service-delivery models for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, where such individuals can participate in college instruction, vocational training, career exploration, and employment opportunities, so that the target population can lead fulfilling, productive, contributing, and satisfactory lives. Ultimately, the target population will thrive through new and innovative experiential career development-services that reverse their historically dismal employment and community inclusion outcomes.

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

Career Paths will use innovative, evidence-based best practices to provide career development and acquisition services for the target population. Adult job seekers with IDD will receive full-service employment support to obtain and retain a job. Transition age individuals with IDD will begin their Career Path through Career Campus, a historic partnership between The Arc Jacksonville and Florida State College of Jacksonville that allows students to take college-level courses, obtain college transcripts, and earn industry certifications by participating in work readiness training, coursework, and internships.

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

Citizens of this appropriation project will receive the following person-centered direct services: supported access to career-focused education and employment services that increase economic self-sufficiency, self-determination, self-advocacy, career readiness, job acquisition, college access, industry certifications and college diplomas.

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

The target population is individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) who are primarily economically-disadvantaged, disenfranchised, and unemployed. The project is expected to serve 100 adults and transition age (18-22) individuals with IDD.

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 of this project is that individuals with IDD will secure stable employment and self-sufficiency through employment support services and new educational/vocational pathways. This project will focus on expanding career-focused education as well as business partnership for on-the-job training and eventual employment. Career Paths and Career Campus utilize rigorous evaluation measures to track number served, skills acquired, certifications earned, employment acquisition and ongoing benchmarks.

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?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, unacceptable performance, or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract.

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



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- 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