



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3628

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) is committed to improving literacy, language, and lifelong learning. The Upskilling and Workforce Diploma Project will allow adults to complete their high school diploma concurrently with a workforce certificate within a public library. To-date, over 50 public libraries in Florida have offered workforce development/ high school diploma programs and have helped 1,196 adults. According to the US Census Quick Facts (2021), approximately 2.5 million Florida residents' adults (age 25 and older) lack a high school diploma, which profoundly limits their ability to advance their education, access workforce training, and limits their career prospects.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>

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

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?**  Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Non-profit grant funding will be sought.

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	733 workforce diploma scholarships for adult high school dropouts.	1,000,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the program is to improve employment and earning prospects by providing adults in Pinellas County and the State of Florida with the opportunity to obtain a workforce diploma. \$1,000,000 will provide approximately 733 FL residents with access to the program.

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



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Activities and Services Provided - Workforce Diploma Scholarships, Transcript Analysis, Academic Instruction, Academic Support, Learning Management System.

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

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative will provide eligible patrons with an enrollment "scholarship" (direct services) in a workforce diploma program.

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

The target population is adults in Pinellas County and the State of Florida who are looking to improve employment and earning prospects including, economically disadvantaged and jobless.

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

Increase or improve economic activity--this outcome is measured by total number of workforce diploma graduates and total number of entry level workforce certificates.

**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?**

The online workforce diploma program shall be available from 7 AM through 10 PM (EST), Monday through Friday. The program shall be available 95% of each month, as verified by an independent monitoring company and reported monthly. Financial consequences in the amount of \$2,500 will be imposed for each month that the vendor's program availability (as reported by the independent monitoring company) drops below 95%; and \$5,000 each month that availability drops below 90%.

**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**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number