



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2462

1. **Title of Project:** Enhancing the Next Generation Agriculture Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Ben Albritton

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/15/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Teacher recruitment and retention for agriculture education will be enhanced by updating curricula and land labs, which will lead to stronger agricultural education programs for students. As a result, students will be drawn to register for agricultural education classes and participate in intra-curricular activities offered through these programs. The more students are exposed to and participate in related activities, the more they will be drawn to be a part of the agriculture industry as adults.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,430,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,430,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,430,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,430,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		250,000	111	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2430000

10. **Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	1.43 mil will be used to enhance middle and high school agriculture education programs, purchase supplies, equipment, creating curriculum, and professional development. 1mil to supplement teacher work days above the traditional work day, include SAE visits, land lab maintenance, PD and CTSO meetings.	2,430,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,430,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Teacher recruitment and retention for agriculture education will be enhanced by updating curricula and land labs, which will lead to stronger agricultural education programs for students. As a result, students will be drawn to register for agricultural education classes and participate in intra-curricular activities offered through these programs. The more students are exposed to and participate in related activities, the more they will be drawn to be a part of the agriculture industry as adults.

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

Activities and services will be determined by the local FFA chapters at each participating school. Examples could range from purchase of upgraded materials and equipment to support the students and teachers as they work on their specific Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects to creating curriculum and professional development.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

The direct services the citizens will receive will be an enhanced program of agriculture education. This enhanced program will include the use of updated equipment, technology, and curriculum. The service will also increase a greater opportunity for students to grow in their individual educational experiences (SAE) and leadership opportunities.

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

The target population is middle and high school students. The project is expected to serve 20,000 individuals.



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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 to Improve agricultural production/ promotion/education: 1. Enhanced equipment and supplies, labs 2. More qualified agriculture teachers 3. Financial compensation to agriculture teachers for duties over the standard work day Methodology for measurement of Improve agricultural production/ promotion/education: 1. Quality standard program monitoring system 2. Reduced vacancies for agriculture teachers 3. Quality standard monitoring system Benefits or Outcomes to Improve quality of education: 1. Increase the number of agriculture education programs in Florida 2. Increase student enrollment 3. Increase student knowledge gained through new curriculum 4. Increase teacher knowledge gained through professional development Measurement to Improve quality of education: 1. DOE records of agriculture education programs in the state 2. Number of students earning industry certification/participating in other standardized tests 3. Teacher participation in profession

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 in the contract?

All funds would be used in accordance with agreed upon contracts. Failure to do so would result in forfeiture of future funding.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Florida FFA Foundation
- b. **County:** Polk
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
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- d. **Phone Number:**