



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2597

1. **Title of Project:** LiFT Academy/School Security

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/20/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The funds requested (\$93,000) would be used to bolster school safety by funding campus security upgrades to help prevent future school shootings. and Upgrades would be made in emergency preparedness, threat assessment and all around student safety for students at LiFT Academy/LiFT University transition program. The goal is to offer each and every student at LiFT the opportunity to learn in a safe environment.

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	93,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	93,000

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)	93,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	93,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	This salary would go towards one year of salary for a Security Manager at LiFT with the intention of creating and implementing upgraded security plans to protect the students at LiFT Academy and the LiFT University transition program. After one year, the ongoing salary would be absorbed as a normal operating expense within the school budget.	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Based on the final security plan for the school, equipment needed for the school is cameras, monitoring equipment, upgraded locks, possible bulletproof glass in the reception area and training materials.	53,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		93,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Enhanced security protecting students will include the implementation of on site cameras, monitoring equipment, upgraded locks, and possibly bulletproof glass for the reception area. In addition training for students will be implemented to help prevent future school shootings.

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

A full educational program expanding Lift's current programs, which is presently serving approximately 150 students, will be the result of a campus expansion. LiFT University has forged partnerships with various local businesses in the community. Several of these businesses work in conjunction with the school to offer many of the students internship opportunities. These opportunities help students make decisions on what careers and jobs they wish to pursue and give them real on-the-job skills and training. One measure of the creation of immediate job opportunities would be the number and type of jobs obtained by LiFT University students. Our LiFT University students (18-23) work toward successful independence through integrated academics, social skills development and life skills training and career readiness through community internships. One measure of the enhancement of specific individual's economic self sufficiency is the number of jobs LiFT University students obtain.

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



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

LiFT Academy, currently home to approximately 150 with neurodiversities, autism and learning disabilities, will be served.

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

Student safety is a major issue with schools and LiFT is no exception. One measure of ensuring protection of students and staff at LiFT Academy and University would be a lack of any incidents of a criminal and/or violent nature on school premises, including campus shootings. The outcome of ensuring protection of students and staff at LiFT Academy and University on school premises can be measured by determining the number and severity of any incidents of a criminal/violent nature on school premises each year.

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?

Funds revert back to the State of Florida.

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.

Fee simple ownership by Learning Independence for Tomorrow, Inc

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Kim Kuruzovich
- b. **Organization:** Learning Independence For Tomorrow, Inc. (LiFT Academy & LiFT University Transition Program)
- c. **E-mail Address:** mrsk@liftacademy.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (727)258-7659

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Learning Independence For Tomorrow, Inc. (LiFT Academy & LiFT University Transition Program)
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- 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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