



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2060

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pepin Academies Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization created in 2008 to support all of the Pepin Academies campuses. Pepin Academies are public, tuition-free charter schools located in Tampa, Riverview and New Port Richey serving students with learning disabilities from third - twelfth grade. Pepin Academies also runs a transitional program for students 18-22 to teach life and work skills by partnering with several companies throughout Tampa Bay. The funds requested will go to outfit Pepin Academies campuses. Funds will be used to purchase technology equipment, security equipment, items for their learning related skills lab, and occupational therapy equipment. Pepin Academies is a 501c3 not for profit tuition free public charter school who specializes in students with learning and learning related disabilities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 1,500,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,500,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 1,500,000 | 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 2021-2022 | 1,500,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
| 2020-21 | 0 | 1,500,000 | 115 | Yes |

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.

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



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No

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

11. 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 | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Funds will be used as a grant to outfit Pepin Academies Campuses classrooms. With our unique population our staff specializes in creative ways to educate our students. Many of our students have sensitivities to sound, lights, and the way things appear on a chalk board. Thus, these funds will go to purchasing unique equipment to eliminate these outside stresses and better allow the student to focus in the classroom setting. Such as, phonak devices, headphones, laptops, visual boards, dimmable | 1,500,000 |
| 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) | | 1,500,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of the Pepin Academies Foundation is to support all Pepin Academies campuses. The Specific goal of these funds will be to create a grant for the Pepin Academies Campuses to outfit there school with the equipment and supplies stated above. Pepin Academies services a unique population of individuals. All who had to be failing in a traditional public school setting. By making sure we have the right tools and equipment available for our students and staff we are giving these students an opportunity to succeed. Not only to succeed, but to go on and become independent productive members in society. By creating an opportunity for these students to graduate we are helping to eliminate the unemployment rate for persons with disabilities. Thus helping to stimulate Florida's economy and our workforce.

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

Students and teachers will have access to the latest technology in the classroom. Allowing our population to have access to the tools they need to succeed. Students will also have access to a learning skills lab where they will acquire life skills so they can become productive independent members of society. The occupational therapy equipment will help our population coup with their learning related disabilities so they can better succeed in the classroom. All in all improving their life skills, their learning environment and allowing them to to flourish.

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

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

Grade school and high school students with learning and learning related disabilities. We expect to serve 1200 students.

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

The benefit of this project is to create a thriving educational environment for our student population so they can have access to the tools and resources they need to succeed in school. We will track our success based on test scores and graduation rates.

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?

Repayment of the funds

13. 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.

n/a



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number