



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1044

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Project LIFT is expanding into a financially disadvantaged community in St. Lucie County after 11 years of success in Martin and Palm Beach Counties. Our innovative delivery of mental health services provides social emotional learning through the unique platform of vocational training. At no cost to participants, at risk 14-21 year old teens and young adults engage in hands-on vocational training while licensed therapists address mental health and substance abuse issues. Project LIFT provides a high school diploma through an online program for high school dropouts. The region served will include a rural area of economic concern.

Land has been donated with a fixed structure that needs renovation. Construction of additional buildings is needed for vocational training space. This request is primarily for capital, nonrecurring expenses.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	100,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	35%
Matching Funds		
Federal	132,000	11%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	225,000	18%
Local	345,000	28%
Other	100,000	8%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	1,252,000	100%

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

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

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.**
- N/A



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

Yes

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

CARES ACT--\$332,545 for general operating support
 PAYCHECK PROTECTION ACT #1--\$260,600 for payroll (was forgiven by SBA)
 PAYCHECK PROTECTION ACT #2--\$271,242 for payroll

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	Vocational training instructor salary--\$33,000	33,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	-Administrative Costs: \$45,000 -100 Mental Health care workbooks (anger, aggression, anxiety, depression, trauma, suicidal ideation, family functional issues, etc.): \$4,000 --Online Education Platform (Global Education) for 20 high school dropout students: \$18,000	67,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and building renovation including 2 metal buildings (students learn vocational skills while working on the construction of these buildings) --\$224,000 Equipment and tools for skilled trades, small engine repair, boat building--\$54,000 Safety Equipment for 75-100 participants--\$15,000 Mobile Welding Unit and Supplies--\$60,000	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		450,000

12. Program Performance

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

--At risk teen males and females (14-21 years old) will receive mental health care and substance abuse therapy to improve their social emotional health and become drug and alcohol free upon program graduation.
 --Referrals from the criminal justice system will not reoffend.
 --High school dropouts will graduate with an accredited diploma.
 --All program graduates will move towards employment, enlistment in the military or enrollment in post-secondary education.

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

--Purchase of supplies and equipment for vocational training.
 --Mental Health therapy
 --Vocational training
 --Substance abuse treatment and workshops.
 --Life skills workshops--conflict resolution, anger management, communication skills, decision making, etc.



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

--Access to Licensed Mental Health Clinicians, Case Managers and Substance Abuse Experts.
 --Vocational job training.
 --One on one tutoring while pursuing a high school diploma.
 --Mentoring in life skills
 --Job training and work readiness preparation
 --Wrap around services.

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

--At-risk 14-21 year old males and females--juvenile offenders, high school dropouts, substance abusers, teens and young adults with mental health issues as well as troubled youth.
 --An emerging young adult workforce, ages 17-25.
 --Project LIFT expects to serve 100 clients:
 ****20 high school dropouts
 ****25 young adults already graduated from high school
 ****55 after school high school students

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

--Employment, Enlistment in the military or Enrollment in post secondary education within 6-12 months of graduation: 70%
 METHODOLOGIES FOR MEASUREMENT
 Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scales (CFARS)
 Substance Abuse Inventory
 Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire
 Client Long-term Success--3 year tracking of graduates to assess: substance abuse relapse, recidivism, employment, enrollment, enlistment
 Pre/Post Employability assessment
 Pre/Post Work Readiness assessment
 Monthly Drug screening
 ***All statistical information is collected and processed through Project LIFT's Apricot Data tracking system.

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?

A 10% cut every month if deliverables are not met. Within 3 months a remedial plan will be created and executed.

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.

Project LIFT owns the property and the building.



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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