



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1487

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

4. Project/Program Description

iBuild Central Florida is one of the largest consortiums of educators and construction industry employers in the State of Florida . iBuild currently operates summer construction camps, skilled trades competitions, construction preapprenticeships and a carpentry apprenticeship. However, the demand for skilled trades employees is greater than what iBuild can meet with the current programs. According to the FLDEO entry-level construction workers are among the occupations fastest growing and gaining the most new jobs across the state. iBuild seeks to create an iBuild Academy to expand program offerings to meet the workforce demand for new employees while focusing on under-employed populations in the state.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,700,000

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)	3,700,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	500,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	4,200,000	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.

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.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase existing building (20,000 to 25,000 sq ft) for approximately \$3,700,000. iBuild members will provide renovation donations estimated at \$500,000. Renovations will include spaces for classrooms, hands-on lab, and remote learning studio. The renovated facility will accommodate expanded training opportunities in the construction industry.	3,700,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,700,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of this request is to create a dedicated facility for the purpose of expanding workforce training programs to the economically disadvantaged while simultaneously addressing industry need. Currently, iBuild relies on community centers and existing schools to provide space for workforce training. This limits the hours the programs can operate and the number of students that can be served. A dedicated facility would provide the space necessary to expand current offerings and grow additional programs to meet the workforce demand in the State of Florida.

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

iBuild will create new programs beyond its current courses and expand the number of programs and schedules offered to meet the needs of the citizens in Florida. New programs currently in the planning stages are short-term programs utilizing the NCCER rapid credential program, day construction preapprenticeship programs, hands-on laboratories and studio classrooms for remote learning options.

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

iBuild Academy students will receive construction training in this high demand field. Students in short-term programs will have the opportunity to gain immediate employment while articulating to apprenticeship programs. Staff will provide placement services utilizing our network of over 400 employers. Our program effectiveness is demonstrated in a placement rate of 75% for justice involved students and 100% for economically disadvantaged students. iBuild programs are demonstrating the effectiveness of our training within marginalized communities and the immediate need for skilled employees in the industry.

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



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Based on current program enrollment, iBuild anticipates serving the following populations: unemployed youth, economically disadvantaged adults, unemployed immigrants, justice involved, and differently-abled adults. The creation of a dedicated facility would allow iBuild staff to grow from serving approximately 75 students a year to 250 annually.

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

iBuild expects to produce graduates with enhanced self-sufficiency, engagement in the workforce and an increase in the economic activity of their community. The program effectiveness will be measured by enrollment, graduation rate, job placement rate, and wages of graduates. Student data will be documented and maintained for a minimum of five years.

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?

iBuild will contract with the FLDOE to determine a list of deliverables including withholding of funds as necessary. Based on current grant and program performance, it is not anticipated that any additional penalties will be necessary.

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.

No facility has been located for purchase. Therefore, no direct or indirect relationship exists between an iBuild Board Member or staff.



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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