



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2185

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The specific goal is to provide Pasco County citizens including Saint Leo students with food insecurity and no access to organic plant based food, sources of healthy, affordable vegetables, fruits and herbs. The Saint Leo Organic Farm will also provide learning opportunities about native varieties of vegetables, fruits and herbs to students and community members. In addition The Farm will have a teaching laboratory and teaching pavilion.

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	311,700
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	311,700

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)	311,700	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 2022-2023	311,700	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?

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



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The total amount of federal assistance received by Saint Leo University during the COVID19 pandemic is \$35,559,452. The university received \$4,806,326 (Cares Act), \$10,984,932 (CRRSAA) & \$19,559,452 (American Rescue Plan). The purpose of the funding was to assist students in their transition during the pandemic with economic assistance as well as provide financial assistance to the university to maintain sustainability and capacity.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Farm Manager/Director (\$50K Salary plus 36% fringe benefits)	68,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Assistant Farm Manager/Director (\$25K salary plus 36% fringe benefits)	34,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Miscellaneous farm equipment, soil, and irrigation treatment, seeds, trees and other start up equipment and supplies.	119,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Beekeeper (salary plus 36% fringe benefits)	47,600
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	Pavilion, Barn, Green House and Post Harvest facility.	43,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		311,700

12. Program Performance

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

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

Teaching and learning about organic farming, native plants, vegetables, fruits, herds and benefits of pollinators, specifically bees and honey production.

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

All that is stated in above in 12a & 12b.

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

The targeted population to be served by this project will be elderly persons, persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school students, high school students, and university/college students.

The amount of individuals expected to be served is more than 800.

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



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Pre-Farm Engagement Survey and Post-Farm Engagement Survey and periodic surveying of those who frequent The Farm. Annual count of pollinators and honey production.

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?

Return appropriation funding to the state of Florida

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.

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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