



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2233

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

NextStep at Endeavor Academy is a community-integrated program within the planned Endeavor Park community in Marianna, Florida. Classroom space, along with an employment practice center, will be located within the Endeavor Park community. Future residential options are also planned.

NextStep at Endeavor Academy will prepare individuals with autism for transition beyond secondary school by providing instruction in employment and independent living skills. The skills taught will also include financial, safety, nutrition, community, health, etiquette, relationships, transportation, and problem solving.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	73%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	122,500	22%
Local	25,200	5%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	547,700	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
				No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

Endeavor Forward, Inc. will continue to work on raising private dollars and apply for other opportunities for tuition reimbursement for the students i.e. vocational rehab.



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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.

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	Program Director (\$75,000—with benefits \$97,500) Office Coordinator (\$38,000—with benefits \$49,400) Instructor (\$45,000—with benefits \$58,500) Coach (\$40,000—with benefits \$52,000) Transportation/Maintenance (\$40,000—with benefits \$52,000)	309,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Assessment materials and evaluation protocols—ABAS-3, BRIEF-2, SRS-2 (\$308/year) Learn4Independence curriculum (\$5,000/year) Catalyst ABA Data Collection software to collect data, measure progress toward goals, and inform instruction (5 licenses=\$1,500/year)	6,808
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for job coaches, Registered Behavior Technicians, and speech and language clinicians to provide assessments, data collection, evaluation, coaching, and instruction in both the job and independent living settings.	83,792
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

12. Program Performance

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

Our goal is to build an inclusive community where the benefits of educating and employing individuals with autism are broadly understood, supported, and valued while bringing new life and opportunities to an important local historic site.

Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) will be given the curriculum, services, and supports needed to complete intensive learning experiences to increase their ability to maintain competitive employment and live independently.

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

Direct instruction in Learn4Independence coursework, applied learning in job settings (volunteer, paid and unpaid internships, competitive employment, self-employment), direct instruction in independent living skills, and applied learning through the residential component of NextStep at Endeavor Academy

Summer programs for targeted groups within the ASD population (high school students, women)

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



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Direct instruction in both a classroom and natural (applied) setting, job coaching, help with identifying and accessing natural supports at work and in the community

Assessment, targeted goals (employment, social, communication, independent living), maintenance/follow-up checks to measure long-term progress after completing the program

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

This program will primarily serve adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Programs will be available for high school students with ASD as well.

As we build this program, we expect to serve an increasing number of individuals each year. For the year of requested funding, we expect to serve between 50-100 individuals with ASD.

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

The expected benefit/outcome of this program is obtaining/maintaining employment and independent living (in community of choice, which could also include continuing to live with family or a roommate). Participants will be evaluated and the beginning and end of the program to show improvement in the employment and independent living skills taught. Participants will show mastery of the curriculum through completion of the learning modules, earning a certificate. Participants will also have individualized goals throughout their time in the program and those goals will be closely monitored for progress, with data collected daily. Follow-up/maintenance checks will be conducted after participants complete the program to measure the number who obtain/maintain employment.

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?

If deliverables or performance measures are not met the funding will be returned to the state.

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) Endeavor Forward

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