



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2590

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

4. Project/Program Description

The funding will support planning and procurement of a site to house Family Initiative's Thrive Academy, a private institution which will provide educational & vocational training to adolescents & young adults on the Autism Spectrum. With the funding, Family Initiative will identify a site for Thrive Academy, secure the property & plan for the Academy, begin renovation planning for the property, & hire a curriculum development specialist to ensure our focus is family centered and engaging for students. Thrive Academy will partner with businesses to create a direct link from school to employment, while providing therapeutic and enrichment opportunities for students.

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	130,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	370,000
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	67%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	33%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	750,000	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.**
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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.

A one time allocation through the Payroll Protection Plan of 37731.82 was received to assist with payroll costs in 2020.

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	Salary for Family Initiative Vice President to lead and coordinate the project.	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel for research and development of educational, workforce best practices, and business collaborations.	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Education Liasion will assist in the pursuit of accreditation, curriculum development, and academic policies and proceeedures.	90,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	For consultation/hiring consultants for renovation/construction of educational and commercial space to support Thrive Academy. The revenue would also support technology and equipment needed to support education delivery and vocational training.	370,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Family Initiative will identify a site for Thrive Academy, secure the property & plan for the Academy, begin renovation planning for the property, & hire a curriculum development specialist to ensure our focus is family centered and engaging for students.

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

Identification and securing of a property, renovation plan developed, hiring of a curriculum development specialist

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

Direct services will be provided once Thrive Academy is open to students the following year. The curriculum development specialist will provide the plan of services.

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

Thrive Academy will provide services to teens and young adults on the Autism Spectrum. The first year of operation the school projects to serve 100 students.

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

The expected outcome of the project is to secure a location for Thrive Academy, create a renovation plan, begin renovations, and create the curriculum with the assistance of the Curriculum Development Specialist. These outcomes will be measured by the product produced and the individuals hired.



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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 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.

None at this time.



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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