



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2653

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

4. Project/Program Description

Graduation rates for schools in Brevard County, District 1 are the lowest in Brevard County. In 2019 incomes in the District 1 Strategy Area of East Mims were also 51% lower than the county AMI. As a result, the area is economically depressed, blighted, and in need of revitalization support as requested by the community in the latest neighborhood surveys conducted by the county (2004 & 2019). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics project that science, technology, engineering, and mathematics occupations will outpace growth in other industries in the coming 20 years. Average income for STEM fields is more than 2x other occupations.

Pursuant to our community development mission, Tooley Community Development Group proposes the East Mims Innovation lab as a response to the community's stated needs. This training center would provide instruction in STEM fields preparing citizens for high-demand, high(er) wage careers, helping to revive the current median income and future outlook of North B

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	185,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	325,000
Total State Funds Requested	510,000

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)	510,000	94%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,000	6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	545,000	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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There is no other funding that can make this project feasible.

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

No

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	Executive Director (Salary - \$65K, Benefits - \$9,750)	74,750
Other Salary and Benefits	Executive Assistant/Bookkeeper (Salary - \$33K, Benefits - \$3,300)	36,300
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses, Travel, Contingencies	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Instructor (Salary - \$35,000, Benefits - \$3,500)	38,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, Perefherals, Internet Accessibility (routers, modems, service)	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants, Studies	5,450
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Demo & Construction	325,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		510,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funding would support the construction of a STEM Innovation Lab in East Mims. It would also hire a lean staff of 3 to design the lab, oversee the construction, manage the operations, procure additional funding, and support, and provide instruction.

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

Construction of a STEM training center
 Operation of the learning center
 Instruction in STEM subjects

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

Direct services will include courses and Instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math delivered via afterschool programs, summer programs, adult technology literacy evening classes, and follow up and job search services.

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

The target population is the people of North Brevard County. Specifically those at or below 120% of the area median income. Services will be focused on, but not limited to, East Mims where the program will be located and where graduation rates and incomes are among the lowest in the County.

The population North Brevard County (Census Tract 601) was 7,092 as of the 2000 Census.



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

Creation of job opportunities - measured by work reports from the construction team, employment records of the organization and completion and placement data
Enhance economic self-sufficiency - measured by graduate tracking and placements
Reduce recidivism & Divert from Juvenile/Criminal Justice systems - as measured by graduate tracking and placements
Increase tourism - we believe this program will be a high interest, prototype that other areas will want to benchmark as measured by Innovation Lab tour reports/requests

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?

While our organization intends to not only meet but exceed any performance measures required by the appropriation, in the unlikely event that construction, staffing up, or enrollment is delayed our intention is to provide updated timeline and work toward it with all expediency in the most safe and responsible manner possible.

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.

The owners of the facility will be Tooley Community Development Group, Inc., a 501c3 organization.



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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