



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1244

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

4. Project/Program Description

Path to College has observed that economically disadvantaged students do not have access to opportunities that expose them to STEM careers. With this state funding, Path to College will launch new programming that will primarily focus on targeting 500 low-income students to prepare them for career paths in the growing STEM industries. This will increase and improve the available talent pool in Florida as more advanced industries relocate to our state. Low-income students are substantially underrepresented in STEM; this is attributed to the lack of computers, home internet, and lack of early exposure to STEM activities and careers. These deficits create an inequity in education and postsecondary preparation according to The Ed Advocate article: WHY LOW INCOME KIDS ARE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND IN STEM and as researched by the School Library Journal. We aim to prepare these students to be ready for college and successful careers as part of Governor Desantis' Sail to 60 Initiative.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	55%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	45%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	550,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** No
- 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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Path to College is supported by numerous local funding organizations. We will continue to seek funds for the launch of this program through those entities. Not receiving the state funding would cause fewer youth to be served.

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.

In May 2020 Path to College received \$17,811.42, and \$17,812.00 in February 2021 through the Paycheck Protection Program. These funds were used to retain employees within the organization.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning Design Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Path to College will employ 4 positions to include salary and benefits: STEM Initiatives Director, Program Manager and a Program Coordinator and camp counselors to oversee, manage, support and evaluate the implementation of this programming. They will guide students, partner with local schools and childcare organizations, and execute activities that will expose students to STEM careers.	234,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, Transportation, Insurance, Food, Curriculum prep, Supplies, Software	65,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	N/A	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. 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?

In addition to year-long career exposure opportunities, the program will include a week-long summer camp to immerse students in the world of science, technology, engineering, robotics, mathematics and more. These expenses will cover the use of facilities and operations to conduct the program in multiple locations, and equipment & materials.

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

During week-long summer camp experiences, students will gain proficiency to prepare for STEM careers while still in middle and high school. They will enhance math skills, learn through hand-on projects to complete and showcase their work to their peers and compete for prizes. This fun atmosphere will increase learning and make this career path attractive. They will also meet STEM professionals.

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

The target population will be grade school students, high school students & University/College students. The target number of individuals to be served is 500.

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

Students will demonstrate growth in STEM career path knowledge, basic life skills and problem solving knowledge as evidenced by pre-post assessments. 75% of 500 students will demonstrate an increase in STEM careers knowledge as evidenced by pre-post survey results.

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?

Not meeting contractual deliverables may not warrant future funding. As an example of our track record, Path to College has obtained the highest rating from Guidestar and the Nonprofits First excellence in nonprofit management and has 3-5 year relationships with well-established funding partners.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number