



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1381

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Green Jobs Youth Initiative is a program launched in 2022 to help bridge the gap between under served youth and the growing STEM job market in Florida. The goal of the Florida Green Jobs Youth Initiative is to advance a STEM Workforce training program for undeserved youth between the ages of 13-35 in the Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Miami metro regions. Job training certificates will be offered in six (6) thematic areas of Urban Agriculture, Aquaculture, Hydroponics, Solar Workforce Training, Electric Vehicle Install Trainings, and Native Habitat Landscaping.

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	985,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	985,000

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)	985,000	18%
Matching Funds		
Federal	250,000	4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	4,500,000	78%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	5,735,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	965,000		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.**

State funding is only part of our budget. The majority of money we are requesting will benefit the community we serve and it is our plan to further leverage other sources of philanthropy to offset the cost of this innovative project to further lower the percent contribution of the state.

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



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Yes

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

We received two PPP loans. One in 2020 (\$55,062.62) and the other in 2021 (\$59,090.02). We are in 100% compliance with the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and utilized 100% of the funds to pay staff in the approved manner. Our loans have been forgiven and we have received the notification of this in writing from DEO.

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	CEO and COO as co-project directors	140,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	In state travel for execution of the project by IDEAS For Us Staff	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting and Audit Services for State Compliance	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Staff working at the four sites and on project administration in the metro areas of Miami, Orlando, and Tampa.	400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Farming, Aquaculture, Hydroponics, Native Landscaping, and Solar Workforce training curriculum, materials, supplies, vehicles, certificates, insurance costs, and other indirect costs.	405,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		985,000

14. Program Performance

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



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We will provide workforce trainings to 1500 youth and issue 300 certificates in a comprehensive portfolio of workforce training programs in STEM related fields. We will also maintain and staff the groundbreaking sites for STEM workforce training in the Orlando, Miami, and Tampa Bay Metro Areas.

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

We will host workforce trainings available for free to a minimum of 1500 youth and we will also provide any interested youth between the ages of 13-35 with free resume help and social media professionalism trainings. The certificates and education will provide all participants with an entry way into the STEM workforce employment by teaching them key skills to land an interview and the experience needed for entry into a series of STEM professions growing in Florida. Job training certificates will be offered in six (6) thematic areas of Urban Agriculture, Aquaculture, Hydroponics, Solar Workforce Training, Electric Vehicle Install Trainings, and Native Habitat Landscaping.

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

There will be direct social, economic, and environmental benefits to the communities in which we operate. The youth we work with are also exposed to a series of STEM professionals in the community that will serve as mentors. Citizens will benefit from the sustainable development that comes from our presence in the areas this project serves.

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

We will serve the target population of youth ages 13-35 in the Orlando, Tampa Bay, and Miami metro areas. A minimum of 1500 youth will be reached and we will also issue 300 certificates in our STEM workforce training portfolio.

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

The benefit of this project will be providing STEM workforce training for a minimum of 1500 youth from undeserved communities across Florida. Those certificates will be featured on resumes, scholarship applications, and highlighted in real-world interviews to employ our graduates. We will measure our outcomes using a host of economic, social, and environmental milestones for this project.

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?

We will adhere to all standard penalties and we will also guarantee that the deliverables will be met at any and all costs to IDEAS For Us.

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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- 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