



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2352

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The opening of a Pro-Start Program will enhance the job readiness for high school seniors to enter the hospitality industry for many years to come and will concurrently assist the business community immediately to have access to the students for both paid and unpaid internships while they are training in the two year certificate program.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	70,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	70,000

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)	70,000	24%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	100,000	33%
Other	130,000	43%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	300,000	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.

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.



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Kitchen Equipment for Pro-Start Program at Miami Beach Senior High School.	70,000
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)		70,000

14. Program Performance

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

The Funds will be used to purchase new high end commercial kitchen equipment for the culinary arts program at Miami Beach Senior High School. With the support of the Miami-Dade School Board and with the donation of a total of \$300,000 of new commercial grade kitchen equipment, the high school will launch a Pro-Start Program during the next school year to serve both students for decades to come as well as to assist our local hospitality industry to hire well trained students.

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



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Funds will be used exclusively for the purchase of new commercial grade kitchen equipment to be installed in the newly renovated Culinary Arts room at Miami Beach Senior High School in order to facilitate the offering of the nationally acclaimed Pro-Start program at the high school in the coming school year.

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

The opening of a Pro-Start Program will enhance the job readiness for high school seniors to enter the hospitality industry for many years to come and will concurrently assist the business community immediately to have access to the students for both paid and unpaid internships while they are training in the two year certificate program.

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

High school students. Students certified will be of tremendous value to our hospitality industry for decades to come. Project expected to serve between 101-200 students.

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

Enrich cultural experience: Pro-Start Program will provide students knowledge in the culinary arts and assist them in obtaining employment in the hospitality industry upon graduation. The High School instructor will be responsible for tracking the educational progress of each student and ensuring that they receive the expertise that the Pro Start Program affords all of their students.
 Create specific immediate job opportunities: Students that enroll in Pro-Start will be working as both paid and unpaid internships during the two year program at local restaurants and hotels and will be prepared for immediate hire upon graduation with the certificate of completion in the Pro-Start Program. The high school will track both the paid as well as the unpaid hours that each student is required to fulfill while in the two year program and will request that students upon graduation inform the school of job opportunities accepted.
 Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency: Students

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 the appropriated funds are not expended within a time period of 9 months from the time of receipt for the purchase of kitchen equipment to be utilized at Miami Beach Senior High School for a new Pro-Start Program, the funds shall be returned to the State.

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)
- Local Entity



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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