



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2669

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

We provide specific construction training for jobs that are currently in demand. STEM Xposure Inc. provides a comprehensive workforce development system that includes exposure, training, assessment, certification, NCCER accreditation, and career placement for the construction and maintenance industries. This program focus on youth ages 12-18, aged out foster kids, low income, ex-offenders, and we strongly encourage woman to bring their talents to the construction industry. We are the alternative for students pursuing trades, over college.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	212,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	212,000

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)	212,000	71%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	50,000	17%
Other	35,000	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	297,000	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.

BOCC Grant, Board members Fiduciary Responsibilities, Membership Fees, Corporate Donors, Fundraisers

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.

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	Executive Director/ Project Head Salary	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Administrator	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	VR headsets 50,000.00 Tools 7500.00 Adm. Laptop and software \$700.00 NCCERconnect plus print book* \$2400.00 OSHA 10 Certification (by CareerSafe) \$2500.00 Core Tests/NCCER Online Testing System \$2400.00	65,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	NCCER Instructor/Evaluator 15,000.00 Workforce and Life Skills Coordinator 15,000.00 OSHA instructor 2500.00	32,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training location rent \$ 24,000.00.	24,000
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)		212,000

14. Program Performance

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



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Training tomorrows workforce Today!

Our goal is to train youth aged 12-18, aged out of foster care, ex-offenders to work in the construction industry. This will provide students with employable skills and living wages in a matter of weeks vs months, while providing a remedy to the local construction labor shortage.

Upon completion of the program, participants, living off government assistance, will become taxpayers.

By equipping all participants with the exposure, guidance, training, and career placement, success is inevitable.

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

1. Explore high paying careers in the construction industry and future construction trades that are in demand, using virtual headsets. The Virtual learning headsets will allow students to choose several careers and experience a day on the job before choosing career path.
2. Collaborate with prime contractors and industry leaders to serve as guest speakers, mentors, and provide additional training and job opportunities.
3. Teach the NCCER core curriculum 115 hrs plus an elective.
4. Provide testing and performance evaluations and certification upon completion
5. Train and certify w/OSHA 10.
6. Provide specific training for local in demand jobs.
7. Provide follow up services in employment skills and job placement. provide wrap around services, GED, transportation, and continuing education opportunities.
8. Teach foundational financial literacy, how to budget and gain skills in high paying industries with significant workforce opportunities available.

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

Our volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Rebuilding Tampa Bay, and supporting the seniors in our local community that have the need for minor repairs.

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

STEM Xposure Inc. focus on inner city youth, young adults seeking to increase their employability. The program also serves low income, unemployed or under employed individuals, aged out foster kids, x- offenders and students preferring a trade over college.

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

Everyone wins! For participants we can track their interest in this career field through pre and post surveys. For the certification program, we will be able to identify the exact number of job placement and certifications that have been delivered through our program. In our first year, we hope to serve 50-75 individuals, and to have at least 75% to attain certification and job placement.

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 unable to complete the requirements, funding will 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



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number