



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2890

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

4. Project/Program Description

The vision of East Mims Innovation Labs @ Cuyler School is to be a multi-function STEM training facility. We propose expanding our 5-12 grade educational support services by adding workforce training in this new facility. Our services will remain focused on STEM-based training that prepares North Brevard residents for high-paying, rewarding careers in the local aerospace and manufacturing industries.

Strong partnerships with Kennedy Space Center, CareerSource Brevard, Eastern Florida State College, and aerospace/manufacturing industry leaders also help us not only provide adult learners with new STEM Skills but also connect them to career opportunities and/or further education to reach their goals.

The facility will also provide space for lease to other support organizations which have not had a presence in North Brevard. Bringing necessary supportive services into North Brevard is vitally important in recovering from COVID-related job losses and other financial insecurity.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	97%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	70,000	3%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	2,070,000	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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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.

We have received HUD Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus program funding of \$300,000 from Brevard County to support our K-12 STEM training academy and a new case management program.

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.

The facility is owned by the Brevard County School Board. Tooley Community Development Group currently has a long-term lease on the property with first right of refusal to either purchase or extend the lease at the end of the lease term.

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, Karen Tooley Curry @25% (no fringe)	21,250
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Full time positions with 10% fringe. Coordinator works a full year. Others wont be needed until the building is complete so they are estimated at 1/2 the year. FT Program Coordinator FT Admissions Coordinator 2 FT STEM Teachers	151,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment - includes all necessary equipment to set up training labs, admin offices, and a co-working hub for providers bringing vital services into North Brevard.	111,667
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	Cost for full renovation of the Cuyler Building Phases I & II plus a contingency of \$215K for unforeseen expenses associated with the age of the building.	1,715,883
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

14. Program Performance

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

The funds will support establishing a STEM training facility in an underutilized county building in East Mims. The project will address three public needs (1) East Mims has the lowest graduation rates in the county. This project seeks to reverse that. (2) The space coast has a deficit of STEM workers to support the aerospace and manufacturing industries. This project will help develop more STEM talent. (3) North Brevard has a dearth of supportive services. Our facility will provide space for more services in the community to support families still impacted by COVID job losses and financial insecurity.

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

Activities will include STEM workforce training programs, a Summer STEM Academy for grades 5-12, and year round academic tutoring and adult learning classes.

Services will include counseling, senior support, a health clinic, entrepreneur support, and others services provided by agencies that will locate in the building to offer services in North Brevard.

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

Workforce training programs; Social Services Program; Education Support programs (grades 5th - 12th grades) Behavioral Counseling; A Health Clinic; Entrepreneur/Small Business Support

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

The target population is North Brevard County. There are no good ways to estimate the number of families to be served since no program like this has existed in North Brevard. However, according to the Titusville Chamber of Commerce website, the North Brevard "trade area" is a 200 sq. mile area, located north of SR 528 to the Volusia county line. The population is roughly 150,000.

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

A few of the outcomes expected are (1) Lower unemployment rates in East Mims [measured by: county workforce data and program completion and placement data]; (2) higher rates of entry into Eastern Florida State College degree classes through our program acting as a "feeder" [measured by program completion and placement data] (3) a higher rate of minority engagement and employment at Kennedy Space Center [evidenced by KSC employment data] (4) higher high school/high school equivalency completion rates through our GED programs [measured by: program completion and placement data] (5) families having access to supportive services they need

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?

Non-renewal or shortening of contract term after failure to perform.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. **First Name** **Last Name**

b. **Organization**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number** **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information



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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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number