



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3127

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Crockett Explorers focuses on 21st century skills development in coding; with the addition of the Innovation Lab, youth (6-8) engage in career readiness and innovative exploration through a robust technology curriculum. CF Explorers will be transported to the Innovation Lab weekly to engage in collaborative learning problem-based learning opportunities in tech including 3D printing, VR/AR.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	350,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	350,000	104	Yes

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.**

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.



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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	VP of operations \$100,800 @ 19%	19,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Payroll Processing \$140.00 x 26 Payroll X 20% 728.00 Other Admin fees Legal and Insurance Fees 7,372.00	8,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Portion of Fiscal Audit Cost 15,000 x 20% 3,000 Accountant/Accounting service \$1500 per month X 12 months X 40% 7,200.00	10,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Director of Tech 0.75 @ \$80K Certified Teacher X 4 PT \$23hr for 8hrs/per week X 31 weeks (123days) +7hrs X 4 nonschool days at 2hrs:7hrs X 23days for summer (4) Case managers FT 1 FTE Salary @ \$40,000 Coding Teacher PT \$25hr for 2hrs/day X123days +2hrs X5ER days +7hrc X 4 non school day/\$25hr for 7hrs/day for 23 days in summer 11,125 Bookkeeper FT 0.30 FTE X 50,000 15,000	199,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Space and Utilities 5,269 sq ft X @20 @ 20% 21,076.00 Site Cell phone \$45 x 12 months, Program T-shirts, Office Supplies, Program Supplies, 6,000 Emergency Family Assistance (Rent,FPL,Bus passes) 2,000 Field Trip/Food 10,000 Equipment \$4750 Transportation 10,000	43,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program Evaluation Consultant 20,000.00 Value Added: eSports \$15,000, Drone \$4,000, Program store #3,356 Celebrations/incentives \$4000 Innovation Session \$4000 Career Exploration/Guest Speaker/Public Speaking/resume Building	71,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000



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14. Program Performance

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

Crockett Foundation Explorers proposes to serve 80 at-risk and underserved students, grades 6-8, attending Broward County's Title I middle schools. Students will engage in STEAM-based activities including computer programming instruction and website/application development projects. Mentors, guest speakers, and field trips will reinforce learning and expose students to STEAM-related career paths and industries that specialize in computer science

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

CF Explorers program services are provided on a free and voluntary basis to students, grades 6-8, attending Broward County's Title I middle schools. CF staff work with school administrators to target low-income youth, and are racially/ethnically underrepresented in the coding profession. Demographics among youth served in Crockett explorers 71% black or African American, 22% Hispanic, 6% White, 1% Asian. 64% Female 36% male

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

CF Explorers program is a full year round program, which has a school year and summer component. The program provides interactive coding services and instruction to at-risk students who attend Broward county Title I schools. In addition to following a project-based curriculum teaching students front-end web development languages such as HTML, CSS, and Javascript, the CF Explorers program engage in lectures, experiments, field trips, guest speakers, and workshops. Our CF Case managers works with students and families to evaluate students' needs and provide emergency assistance if needed.

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

The target population is Title I schools in Broward County and we plan to serve 80 at risk youth.

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

To improve the quality of education and expose our youth to this tech community that is taking over the job industry.
1) Children will achieve progress and advancement in activities to achieve program goals (e.g completion of lessons and modules); 2) Children will acquire computer and technology skills (e.g programming languages, game and app creation, project completion, spreadsheets and documents); 3) Children will gain knowledge of computer science and engineering concepts, both in electrical engineering and in software algorithms; 4) Enhance specific individual's economic self-sufficiency
Methodology: Program staff monitor attendance regularly and adjust strategies as needed, based on real-time attendance rates. Salesforce CRM is used to manage scholar enrollment, attendance, progress, and overall reporting. Program staff also conduct qualitative evaluations of all work.

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 program dissolves or fails to perform services, we will discuss return of funds.

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