



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3222

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Corners to Colleges program provides a nontraditional way for middle school, high school and college students from underserved communities to garner knowledge within the tech space by utilizing gaming and esports. The program also introduces students to opportunities within the lottery industry, casinos, blockchain, cryptocurrency, NFTs, and drones. The knowledge and mentorship that is provided will allow the students to become future groundbreakers within the gaming and esports industry and to develop a career within the field.

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	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	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.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Program managers and other members of the team who help bring this program to life with the work they do behind the scenes.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and hotel expenses for staff to travel from out of state to carry out the program in our Florida schools.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	This will go towards the teachers, advisors, chaperones and mentors who will be working with the students all week.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expense for teachers. Games for students to play during the week. Food and beverage for welcome mixer and reception. Field trip, movie night and museum visit expenses. Trophies to give out to the best students during the week. Stipends to give out to every participating student.	200,000
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)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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



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

Financial aid & scholarship classes, college readiness classes, admission and enrollment sessions, resume and interview tips, jobs that exist in the gaming & technology industry informative sessions, NFT & Crypto classes.

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

We will be providing the students with all the tools they need to get into college, secure a scholarship, graduate college and get a job working in an industry they are passionate about.

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

The target population are those persons who may be unemployed or economically disadvantaged. We are also looking to serve at-risk youth, grade school, high school, and University students.

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

A successful outcome would be at a minimum 70% of the students that attended the summer program would pursue higher education by attending an HBCU or any other university in Florida and to fulfill their dreams of working in the gaming & technology industry.

The way that we would go about achieving that outcome is by keeping track of the students by collecting their contact information and staying in touch with them through their journey to success.

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?

Standard penalties

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