



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1055

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The funds will be used to strengthen the local small business economy by focusing on critical areas:
 Small Business Retention - Reducing business failures through targeted support.
 New Business Development - Encouraging entrepreneurship to drive economic growth.
 Job Creation and Retention - Supporting businesses to generate and sustain jobs.
 Workforce Development - Preparing citizens to fill staffing gaps in large corporations and small businesses, fostering mutual growth and economic stability.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,000,000	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	200,000	17%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year 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.**



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	RFP for Local COJ JSEB Contractors	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested \$1M in state appropriations will be used to strengthen the local small business economy by addressing four critical areas vital to economic stability and growth. First, the initiative will focus on small business retention by reducing failures through targeted support, such as technical assistance and access to resources. Second, it will drive new business development by fostering entrepreneurship, encouraging innovation, and providing tools to overcome barriers to entry. Third, the funds will support job creation and retention, enabling businesses to expand operations and sustain employment opportunities.



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

To meet the intended purpose of these funds, activities and services will focus on providing targeted support for small business retention, new business development, job creation, and workforce development. These efforts will include technical assistance, mentoring, and resource access for existing businesses; entrepreneurship training and incentives for startups; strategic growth support to create and sustain jobs; and skill-building programs to prepare the workforce for high-demand roles. Collaboration with stakeholders—including local agencies, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, financial institutions, large corporations, and small businesses.

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

The appropriation project will provide direct services to citizens that include workforce training programs to equip individuals with in-demand skills for employment, mentoring and entrepreneurial training for aspiring business owners, and access to resources such as grants, low-interest loans, and technical assistance for small business development. Additionally, citizens will benefit from job creation initiatives that offer new employment opportunities and support for existing positions, as well as programs designed to foster economic mobility by connecting individuals to career pathways and business growth opportunities.

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

The target population for this project includes small business owners, aspiring entrepreneurs, job seekers, and the local workforce. The initiative focuses on supporting underserved and underrepresented groups, including minorities, women, and nontraditional workers, to promote equitable economic growth. It is expected to directly serve approximately 500 individuals, including small business owners and their employees, entrepreneurs launching new ventures, and citizens participating in workforce training programs, with an extended impact on the broader community through job creation and economic development.

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

The expected benefit of this project is a strengthened local economy through increased small business stability, job creation, and workforce development. Key outcomes include reduced business failure rates, the launch of new businesses, the creation and retention of jobs, and improved workforce readiness in high-demand sectors. The methodology for measuring these outcomes will involve tracking the number of businesses supported, jobs created or retained, and individuals who complete workforce training programs. Success will be evaluated through both quantitative metrics (e.g., business survival rates, job placement rates, and training completion).

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 in the contract?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in progressive financial withholding, such as 10% reduction of allocated funds for delays exceeding 60 days until compliance is achieved. The submission of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) within 30 days of underperformance, detailing the reasons and steps to rectify issues. Failure to implement the CAP within the agreed timeline will result in the potential for suspension of funding.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?



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- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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) Local Government

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.