



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1156

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Our proposed project is to establish a replicable model for a prevention and diversion program targeting high-risk youth who may have been involved in the dependency or delinquency system. Our approach leverages the car wash business as more than "just washing cars." It serves as a platform to deliver entrepreneurial education, life skills training, and mentorship, equipping participants with legal and sustainable means to support themselves and their families.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,264,596
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,264,596

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)	1,264,596	80%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	260,000	17%
Other	50,000	3%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,574,596	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

State funding is needed to expand the program. Without the funding we will not be able to expand the program.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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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	Contract Manager (This position is responsible for managing the program overall. Fifty percent of the total salary is requested with this project.)	35,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	n/a	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Audit (50% of total is being requested)	3,500
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	This includes: 3 Training Supervisor who will be responsible for 20 participants each @ \$60,000 each annually=180,000/ one bookkeeper at \$40,000 per year/ 60 youth at 14,400 per year= 864,000 and Fringe benefits for all positions \$82,936)	1,166,926
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	2 Sets of uniforms for 60 participants @ 100 each= \$6,000/Generators, extractors, vacuums, water tanks, pressure washers, buffers=\$10,000/ Office Supplies such as paper/ notebooks/ writing utensils etc= 2,500/10 Permits for pop-up car wash = \$3,500/2 Large commercial grade tents - \$1,170/General Liability Insurance = \$10,000/ Workers Comp Insurance = \$6,000)	39,170
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Specialized Trainers (such as Security Certification, Detailing Certification Instructor, Financial Literacy, etc. - S session at \$500 each Session x 4 Specialties) = 10,000) and 20 International Detailing Certification for participants- 10,000	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,264,596

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds will enable us to launch a comprehensive prevention and diversion program for high-risk youth, using a car wash business as a hands-on training platform. This program will offer entrepreneurial education, life skills training, and personalized mentorship, equipping participants with the tools needed to secure legal, sustainable employment. Funds will cover start-up costs such as facility enhancements, equipment, training materials, and operational expenses, as well as participant stipends to encourage consistent engagement. Ultimately, this initiative aims to reduce recidivism, empower youth to support themselves and their families, and provide a replicable model for other communities in the State of Florida.

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

Activities include providing training in car detailing, entrepreneurial education, and life skills. Participants will receive both group and one-on-one mentorship, along with stipends to encourage participation. Funds will cover equipment, training materials, and operational costs. This initiative equips youth with sustainable skills for legal employment, self-support, and creates a replicable model for other communities. Participants receive classroom and hands-on training in car detailing, entrepreneurial skills, professional conduct, and life skills development. The program includes one-on-one and group mentorship, supplemented by stipends to maintain engagement. Funding also covers essential equipment, training materials, and operational costs.

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

The appropriation project directly provides comprehensive vocational training for at-risk youth through a hands-on car wash business. Participants receive classroom instruction and practical training in car detailing, entrepreneurial skills, professional behavior, and life skills. The program also includes group and one-on-one mentorship, along with stipends to encourage active participation. These services aim to empower youth with sustainable, legal employment opportunities while reducing their reliance on the dependency and delinquency systems.

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

The target population is high school aged youth. We expect to serve 60 youth with proposed funding.

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

The expected outcome is reduced recidivism and increased employment readiness for at-risk youth. Success will be measured through recidivism data and pre- and post-program assessments of job skills, fitness, and personal growth. Participants' progress will be reviewed at 6 and 12 months post-program via official records and self-reports. for a couple of seconds
The project empowers at-risk youth with entrepreneurial and life skills, leading to sustainable employment and reduced justice involvement. Outcomes are measured through job placements, income tracking, and recidivism data from official records at 6 and 12 months post-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?

In addition to standard penalties, the contracting agency might consider:

- Payment Withholding: Reducing or suspending progress payments until corrective actions are taken.
- Corrective Action Plans: Mandating a detailed plan with specific deadlines to remedy deficiencies.
- Suspension or Termination: Temporarily suspending work or terminating the contract for persistent non-compliance.

These measures provide additional incentives for timely, quality performance.

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):



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

- 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

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.