

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1358

1. Project Title	R.A.M.A.L. Tutoring and Mentoring Program

2. Senate Sponsor Stan McClain

3. Date of Request 2/12/2025

4. Project/Program Description

This program will provide tutoring (grades 1-5) and mentoring (life skills, financial literacy, to at-risk students in Ocala/Marion County. The goal is to increase the reading and math skills levels of the students. Mentorship will help students develop life skills.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	46,400
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	46,400

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)	46,400	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 2025-2026	46,400	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

No

No

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a. What is the cu	urrent phase of the	he project?				
O Planning	🔵 Design	Construction	◯ N/A			
b. Is the project	"shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?				
c. What is the es	stimated start dat	te of construction?				
d. What is the es	stimated complet	tion date of constru	ction?			
e. What funding	stream will be u	sed for ongoing ope	erations a	Ind maintenan	ce of the proje	ct?

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	The Executive Director is responsible for overseeing all proposals and project activities; administration of project activities; coordination with the community projects and activities; manage budgets; keep documentation for auditing.	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant (1099 employee)	5,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Insurance, printing, building rental, supplies, materials, computer, overhead expenses	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Chrome books (3,000); educational materials (2,000), supplies (1,000); snacks(500); venue rental (900); end of year program (1000)	8,400
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted CPA services	3,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	46,400

13. Program Performance

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

Tutoring will increase reading and math levels. Mentorship will develop life skills and help students develop goals.

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

Students will receive tutoring and assistance with homework. Students will participate in a variety of activities to develop life skills: financial literacy, etiquette, vision board, career exploration, and social responsibility workshops.

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



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Students/their parents and community members are invited to attend the financial literacy workshops.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons and at-risk students are the target population for this program.

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

Assessments, report cards, post workshop surveys

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?

Reduction in program appropriations or repayment 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?

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

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?

- □ 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):



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17. Requester Contact Information	17.	Requester	Contact	Information
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a. First Name	Barbara	Last Name	Brooks		
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18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	R.A.M.A.L. Educational and Social Services, Inc.			
b. Municipality and	d County Marion	_		
c. Organization Type				

□For Profit Entity

☑Non Profit 501(c)(3)

□Non Profit 501(c)(4)

□Local Entity

□University or College

□Other	(please	specify)
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