



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1728

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Hive will be a cutting-edge tech hub fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and workforce development in Jacksonville. Funds will support renovations, technology upgrades, and job training for individuals aged 16-54, equipping them with in-demand tech skills and certifications. The Hive will also offer office space for tech startups and rising companies, along with incubator and accelerator support. This initiative will boost economic growth and create sustainable career pathways.

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	175,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>375,000</b>

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)	375,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>375,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

**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)?** Yes

**c. What is the estimated start date of construction?** 06/01/2025

**d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?** 08/01/2025

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

Ongoing operations and maintenance will be supported through a combination of future state funding requests, grants, partnerships, and program-generated revenue.

**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.**

Fresh Ministries owns the facility and has a direct/indirect relationship with The Beaver Street Enterprise Center. The entity will oversee the project, including renovations and program implementation, to ensure the intended public benefit.

**12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Covers furnishings and essential tech equipment such as 3D printers, laptops, desktops, tablets, smartboards, and other necessary office and training equipment.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Includes two AARP Senior Staff (\$30,000 each) and other consultant/contracted services for specialized training, mentorship, and capacity-building support. also funds technology certification programs, allowing participants to obtain industry-recognized credentials to enhance workforce readiness.	75,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Facility buildout and renovations, including infrastructure improvements and tech upgrades, to create a state-of-the-art innovation hub	200,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>375,000</b>

**13. 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?**

The Hive will implement workforce training programs, offer industry-recognized certifications, and provide mentorship from AARP Senior Staff and industry experts. The initiative will support career readiness through hands-on learning, networking opportunities, and business development resources. Additionally, it will create a collaborative environment with co-working spaces, startup incubation, and accelerator programs to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.

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

Citizens will receive direct services such as hands-on job training, industry-recognized certifications, mentorship opportunities, and career placement support. The Hive will also provide access to co-working spaces, startup incubation, and accelerator programs, equipping individuals with the skills and resources needed for career advancement and business growth.

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, high school students, and university/college students. Expect to serve between 101-200 people.

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

The Hive will enhance workforce readiness, create career pathways, and support entrepreneurship. Expected outcomes include increased certifications, job placements, and business startups, contributing to local economic growth. Success will be measured by tracking participants trained, certifications earned, job placements, and startup launches, using surveys and follow-up assessments to evaluate impact.

**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?**

Our organization is risk-averse in our planning and to ensure deliverables are met, we will develop a performance approval plan with specific timelines and outcomes. If we encounter any challenges with any portion of our deliverables, we will review our methods and self correct.

**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?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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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

University or College

Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**



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e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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