



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1803

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

JA Finance Park is an experiential, onsite learning program for personal financial planning and career exploration. Students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. Currently serving slightly more than 10% of disadvantaged youth, we are with these funds, we aim to significantly increase our impact on 8th grade students, expanding from 3,000 students served to 8,000.

**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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>400,000</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)	400,000	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>400,000</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.**

Potential grants and corporate and individual philanthropic support, which would delay the launch and impact of the expanded program on our students.



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Senior Vice President	4,650
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Staff	218,292
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Van - \$45,000 Mileage and Maintenance - \$10,000 Insurance - \$6,000 Office Maintenance (\$500/month) - \$6,000 Technology (100iPads & battery pack) - \$40,000 Printing/Signage - \$15,000 Program Materials - \$39,500 Staff Training and Travel - \$6,500 Teacher Training and Stewardship - \$1,000 Marketing - \$5,000 JA Fees - \$2,558 Postage and Delivery - \$500	177,058
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>400,000</b>



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**13. Program Performance**

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

The requested funds aim to increase the reach of Junior Achievement (JA) Miami to middle school age students. Currently serving 3,000 eighth grade students in M-DCPS, the implementation of JA Finance Park would increase the impact to 8,000 eighth grade students by the end of the first year. The program equips students with the confidence and skill set to be financially secure individuals and community leaders that drive economic prosperity and inclusivity for Miami-Dade County.

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

By delivering the JA Finance Park program to underserved students within the Miami-Dade school district, JA is empowering these students with the confidence and skill set to be financially secure individuals and community leaders that drive economic prosperity and inclusivity for Miami-Dade County.

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

Funding will assist in the roll-out and implementation of the JA Finance Park program. Implementation includes training and support, curriculum delivery with flexible implementation options, subject matter experts and business mentors for students, streamlined financial management and training tools, opportunities for student self-guided supplements, and a culminating capstone hands-on simulation.

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

The target population are under-served eighth grade students from Miami-Dade County Public Schools that have 50% or more economically disadvantaged student enrollment.

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

The program enhances students' economic self-sufficiency, in addition to broader economic prosperity in Miami-Dade County, by helping students build a foundation upon which they can make intelligent lifelong financial decisions, including those decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. Through hands-on experience and mentorship, students gain the confidence to create and manage a healthy budget, make informed financial decisions, and adapt to a dynamic and competitive economy, equipping them for future self-reliance and career success. We will utilize observation and pre/post surveys for metrics.

**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 the unlikely case that an extension is needed, we would recommend that the time period be extended if that would allow for completion of the project.

**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



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- 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
- University or College



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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.*