



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2147

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The North Florida Agriculture and Arts Program would utilize Jacksonville's Phoenix Arts & Innovation District in the Springfield neighborhood in Jacksonville as a community center to provide an agricultural and arts training after school program in partnership with IDEAS for Us. This after-school program addresses critical challenges facing Jacksonville's under-served youth and will provide a space for students to learn new hands-on skills in agriculture and the arts. Nearly \$15 million in private investment has been made in the Phoenix Arts & Innovation District to revitalize the area as a community hub, with \$400 million anticipated to be invested over the next 10 years.

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	965,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	965,000

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)	965,000	91%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	100,000	9%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,065,000	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.



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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	Program Director	65,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries for four additional FTEs including two youth coordinators, an agriculture specialist and an arts coordinator to assist with the administration and implementation of the after school program.	178,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Agricultural and arts equipment, as well as market infrastructure. Indirect costs including facilities maintenance, utilities and marketing. Nearly \$15 million in private investment has been made in the Phoenix Arts & Innovation District to revitalize the area as a community hub, with \$400 million anticipated to be invested over the next 10 years.	396,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contractual services with partner non-profit organizations, including IDEAS for Us, for implementation of the agriculture and arts program, subject matter experts, compliance assistance and local partnerships.	325,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		965,000

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 program serves as a comprehensive after school youth development initiative with three core components: agricultural education and training, arts education, and community market integration. This program will provide after school services for under-served youth in and around the Springfield neighborhood in Jacksonville.

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

Services to be provided include hands-on farming experience, business skills development, digital media and visual arts training, youth-led farmers market operations and business mentorship. This program will complement the nearly \$15 million in private and local investment in revitalizing the area and bringing business innovation, arts and culture to this community in Jacksonville.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school students, and high school students. Approximately 401-800 expected to be served.

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

This project supports under-served youth by enhancing mental health, cultural enrichment, agricultural education, and hands-on skill development. Participants will engage in after-school programs focused on farming, business, and the arts, fostering personal growth and career readiness. Success will be measured through participant retention, periodic wellness assessments, multimedia content creation, farm production tracking, and student progress logs. Partnerships with local organizations and speaker series will further expand learning opportunities and professional development.

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?

While the standard penalties outlined in the contract provide a strong framework for accountability, the contracting agency may consider additional measures tailored to the specific circumstances of noncompliance. These could include actions designed to encourage timely resolution and ensure future adherence to deliverables and performance measures.

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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