



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2199

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

**4. Project/Program Description**

With 60% of foster youth being homeless, incarcerated, or deceased within two years of aging-out of foster care, foster youth are in need of targeted guidance and support for career preparation. The purpose of the funds being requested is to establish a career and technical college designed to meet the unique needs of children in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. It is expected that this will not only be the first of its kind in the state of Florida, but also nationally.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</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)	1,500,000	7%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	11,540,000	46%
Other	11,791,000	47%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>24,831,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25		375,000	318A	

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?  No
- 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**



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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
<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	Salary and Benefits	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses	1,000,000
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>1,500,000</b>

**13. Program Performance**

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

With 60% of foster youth being homeless, incarcerated, or deceased within two years of aging-out of foster care, foster youth are in need of targeted guidance and support for career preparation. The purpose of the funds being requested is to establish a career and technical college designed to meet the unique needs of children in Florida's child welfare and dependency system. It is expected that this will not only be the first of it's kind in the state of Florida, but also nationally. These funds will be used to renovate existing buildings for this purpose.

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

Technical and Vocational training and certifications to prepare students to be employable and productive citizens with experience in a marketable and needed skill that enables them to enter into a long-term career field.



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

A career and technical college for youth in Florida's child welfare system. The focus of this project is to target foster youth who can not be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or Juvenile Justice involvement. Students will reside on campus, receive mental health treatment services, and earn a career certification.

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

The focus of this project is to target foster youth who can not be placed with traditional foster families or group homes because of mental health, complex trauma or Juvenile Justice involvement.

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

Expected outcomes for the citizens of Florida includes a reduced cost of public assistance to support foster youth aging out of the system. Data show a disproportionate rate of homelessness and incarceration. By providing foster youth with a skill, career development, and transition assistance, they become a self-sufficient member of society, significantly less reliant on government assistance.

**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?**

velopment has a long history of providing behavioral health, education, and juvenile justice services to the State of Florida. The performance history of these services should instill confidence for support of this request and the ability to provide meaningful services to the citizens of the State of Florida in return.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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
- 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)?**



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- Yes, Applied
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- No
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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
- 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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