



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2415

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Goodwill South Florida offers vocational education & training programs where participants are taught job skills and gain work experience. The appropriation will provide vocational education & training where participants are taught job skills and gain work experience in positions in the sewing trade. 90% of program participants will have a disability or barriers to work. The program will provide training opportunities for 450 individuals (new participants or retraining of current participants) who have the capabilities and interests to perform in a job but are in need of additional training (classroom and/or on-the-job training) and supportive counseling due to a specific condition that impairs their productivity or precludes them from achieving standard productivity levels.

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
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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	400,000	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		
2023-24	0	400,000	27	No

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.

There is no other funding source.



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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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for new participants and/or retraining individuals who have the capabilities and interests to perform in a job but are in need of additional training (classroom and/or on-the-job training).	400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

13. Program Performance

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

Provide training opportunities for 450 individuals (new participants or retraining of current participants) who have the capabilities and interests to perform in a job but are in need of additional training (classroom and/or on-the-job training) and supportive counseling due to a specific condition that impairs their productivity or precludes them from achieving standard productivity levels.



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

The appropriation will allow us to invest in programs that help transition someone seeking our services from dependency to independence. Rather than using tax dollars to receive state services, our successful job placements can help convert tax users to become taxpayers by now being able to find a job and contribute to the community rather than depending on it.

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

Individualized supervision, supportive counseling, on-the-job training, and transitional employment services for individuals to develop their maximum potential for employment. Some general skills taught are communicating effectively with supervisors, co-workers, and customers, understanding and following workplace behaviors, following directions, and paying attention to tasks.

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

Goodwill South Florida will identify adults with disabilities from the following:
 Current participants that work in the Apparel Division and have a disability who a.) could benefit from supplemental training to enhance their skills or b.) are performing at a lower efficient/productivity rate. General recruitment activities that will focus on seniors, individuals who are economically disadvantaged, and individuals who have been trained while in a jail reentry program.

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

Providing individuals an income while receiving training for an employable skill by measuring the number of participants who complete the program. Trainees will be measured by their performance prior to the training. Pre-testing and post-testing will be conducted against key performance indicators identified to assess comprehension and progress.

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?

Cessation of funding if the services are not provided.

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#:



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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**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information



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