



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2555

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Now in year four of five originally approved for funding, the Institute for Classical Education at Flagler College provides a statewide professional development program for K-12 classical teachers. Leveraging the learning resources of Flagler, it provides seminars, workshops, & courses for K-12 Classical school teachers. The institute is doubling the number of teachers served each year in our summer conference and has partnered with the FLDOE to develop classical teacher certification modules. The funds requested will serve the explosive growth in demand for these services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

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	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>1,500,000</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	0	2,296,906	BOB	No

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.

**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	Two Classical Institute administrator salaries and benefits partially funded by grant	153,348
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Other - Administrative fee and search/hiring costs	103,220
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Classical and Liberal Education Core Director and five full time Faculty, two postdoctoral scholars, four visiting lecturers; advisor, grant manager, Director of External Programming (K-12 programming).	842,355
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Classical and Liberal Academics Week Stipends and Speaker Costs, Cultivating Civic and Cultural Health through public programming, External Programming for K-12 Classical Teachers Statewide.	401,077
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?

Now in yr 4 of 5 originally approved, the Institute provides a statewide P.D. Program for K-12 classical teachers. Leveraging the learning resources of Flagler, it provides seminars, workshops, & courses for K-12 Classical school teachers. The institute is doubling the number of teachers served each year in our summer conference and has partnered with the FLDOE to develop classical teacher certification modules. The funds requested will serve the explosive growth in demand for these services.



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

Full-time faculty trained in the classical model of education. K12 Classical teachers statewide receive professional development through summer trainings, workshops, and Saturday seminars. K-12 classical summer camps for scholars and public lectures.

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

Full-time faculty teaching First Year Seminar course students. The development of a higher ed retention model based on the classical model of education. Workshops, conferences, public lectures, and guest scholars for K-12 teachers statewide. In partnership with the FLDOE, the creation and delivery of classical teacher certification courses.

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

Florida K-12 Classical teachers and administrators, College students, K-12 Students. More than 1,000 individuals will be directly served using these funds, and thousands of K-12 classical students statewide will be indirectly served through professional development for their teachers - thus enhancing their educational experience.

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

Enriched Cultural Experience through lectures and trainings, Improved Quality of Education through professional development for K12 teachers and increased economic activity through new jobs created and increased teacher retention rates.

**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?**

Unable to draw down additional funds on a quarterly basis per standard grant contract conditions.

**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
- 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:**



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**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**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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