



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2578

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

We're requesting \$2,840,000 to help encourage the rural & lower-income areas over a five-year period by offering an alternative K-12 education to help eradicate the P.O.O.R. mentality within the population, meaning Passing Over Opportunities Repeatedly. Provide local employment opportunities; expand the existing facility; improve academic performance of local students; enhance parent engagement; offering high-quality alternative to a traditional learning setting because no one shoe fits all.

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	340,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,840,000

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)	2,840,000	72%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,089,206	28%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,929,206	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Our program receives funding from student scholarships for annual enrollment, educational program held at the Jefferson county detention center, as well as grant funding from CSC.



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

TBD

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

TBD

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

We will be using our capital outlay reserved for expansion to maintain the project, approximately \$300,000.

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.

Margaret Franklin, Executive Director of Franklin Academy

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	This fund is dedicated to the salary of the head Executive Director, fostering effective leadership and direction for the staff and students. This individual will create and maintain a environment of leading by example for the staff and students, while also driving the project management forward towards completion.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Medical & Dental Benefits provided for Key Man leadership roles	26,700
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Advertisement; Accounting; Business Travel for Professional Development; Property & Casualty Insurance; Legal & Professional Services; Licenses; Loans & Charges; Phone/Internet; Postage; Printing; Rent; Storage Rental; Taxes; Utilities	61,800
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Costs reflected under Operational Costs: Salaries & Benefits.	0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Teachers (3); Administrator (1)	130,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Auto Expenses; Food & Nutrition; Food Supplies; Janitorial Supplies; Office Supplies; Repairs & Maintenance; School Supplies	51,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This fund will be used to contract out Facility Janitorial Services (1): \$2,000/mo for 10 month school year. This will ensure a clean and sanitary environment for all students & staff throughout the school year.	20,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering	A STRUCTURAL ADDITION OF APPROXIMATELY 3,950 SQ FT TO EXISTING BUILDING (TWO CLASSROOMS; GROUP RESTROOMS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS; A KITCHENETTE; AN OFFICE SPACE; A SCIENCE LAB WITH BENCHES; STORAGE IN EACH ADDITIONAL ROOM); A FULL RENOVATION TO EXISTING BUILDING; NEWLY COVERED PORCH; OUTDOOR EATING AREA TO DOUBLE AS OUTDOOR TEACHING AREA; IMPROVED LIGHTING & POWER CAPACITY; SMARTBOARDS/SCREENS	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,840,000

13. Program Performance

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

The requested funds will be used to help expand our facility, and allow us to increase the opportunities to the students we currently have on our waiting list. Our school provides educational services to students and families that have been unable to thrive in a traditional public school setting. Our program allows for students that are below grade-level to fill in their learning gaps through a personalized curriculum, while also giving them an opportunity to continue to excel in the areas in which they are already advanced. This addition will also give parents an opportunity to go back to school through our Adult Education program.

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

THIS EXPANSION WILL ADD TWO ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS, COMPUTER AND SCIENCE LABS, AS WELL AS A GREENHOUSE TO OUR FACILITY. THE GOAL IS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLING IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AS WELL AS TECHNICAL TRADE SCHOOLS. THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AN ENVIRONMENT WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELDS OF CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MUSIC/ARTS & AGRICULTURE. THE ADDITION OF A GREENHOUSE WILL PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT OF CULTURAL EXPANSION FOR STUDENTS TO BE EXPOSED TO INNOVATIONS IN AGRICULTURAL STANDARDS AND TECHNIQUES, WHILE ALSO ALLOWING FOR RECONNECTION AND BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN MODERN AND TRADITIONAL AGRICULTURAL FIELDS OF STUDY.

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

Offering K-12 grades, reading, writing, mathematics, social studies, science, technology (including robotics, virtual reality, solar go-carts), music/arts, High School Diploma Program, Adult Education High School Diploma Program

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

Target Population Includes: Economically disadvantaged persons; At-risk youth; Grade School Students; High School Students; Attention Deficit Disorder; Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder; Slow Learning Disability

We anticipate being able to serve approximately 60 students (current capacity: 35 students) during the day, and as many adults during our evening courses twice a week.

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

ACADEMIC OUTCOMES WILL BE MEASURED THROUGH THE USE OF PRE/POST ASSESSMENTS AND STANDARDIZED TESTS IN THE AREAS OF SCIENCE, MATH, TECHNOLOGY, ARTS, AGRICULTURE & BEHAVIOR. PARENT SURVEYS WILL BE UTILIZED TO MARK IMPROVEMENTS WITNESSED AT HOME, AS WELL AS PARENT ENGAGEMENT. AGRICULTURAL KNOWLEDGE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THE GROWTH OF CROPS THE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE HOME AND SHARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY DURING A COMMUNITY HEALTH DAY. INCREASED STUDENT RETENTION RATES WILL DEMONSTRATE THE SATISFACTION OF THE PARENTS/STUDENTS OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS, WITH A GOAL OF >80% PER YEAR.

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?



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In addition to standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures, the contracting agency may implement penalties including, but not limited to, financial penalties applying to remaining contract years, implementing required training and performance reviews in the area of need, and termination of contract.

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)?

- 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.



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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

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.