



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2855

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Learn To Read of St Lucie County Fund will serve low-skilled adults in St. Lucie County, especially those in the most vulnerable and underserved populations. This initiative will support our community-based education model and this program will support the expanded use of trained volunteers to teach adults reading, writing, math, English language, digital literacy and workforce readiness skills.

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	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	50,000

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)	50,000	39%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	79,000	61%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	129,000	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.**

Learn To Read of St Lucie County would apply to grants, private foundations and seek to conduct fundraising events.

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Learning Center manager salary	5,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Learning Center manager 25 hours a week \$22,100	22,100
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Educational materials, IT equipment support	12,900
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)		50,000

13. Program Performance

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

PIAAC literacy data for St. Lucie County indicates that 25% of all adults have below basic literacy skills, meaning a 3rd grade or lower literacy skills set. Our community-based adult literacy program focuses on helping undeserved adults to develop fundamental reading, writing, math, English language and workforce readiness skills. This initiative will support and expand our trained volunteers base to provide instruction to St. Lucie County's low-literate adults and families.

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

Activities and services are individually developed based on the needs of the adults and families served. Funds will be used to support and expand adult literacy, ESL and family literacy instruction in St. Lucie County.



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

Funds will be used to provide direct one-on-one and group instruction to adult learners who need to develop fundamental reading, writing, math, English language, digital literacy and workforce readiness skills.

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

Approximately one in four adults in Florida cannot read and write above a third-grade level. This project will serve adults and families in St. Lucie County who need to develop and/or improve their English language and literacy skills. Our goal is to serve at least 250 students for the year.

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

The majority of participating adult students (provided with at least 25 hours of instruction) will achieve a measurable educational gain and/or achievement toward a personal educational goal. This project will use established adult education assessment tools such as CASAS (Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment System) to assess the adult's literacy skill levels as a pre and post measurement.

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?

Funds administered through this grant program will be used for the stated purpose or refund.

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:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied



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- 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

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number



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