



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3028

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Omega Lamplighters are requesting funding to help expand the Lighthouse At-Risk Mentorship to improve life skills and strengthening students career pathways, while also working to reduce crime committed by local youth. Funds will be used to provide enrichment workshops, after school reading, math and literacy materials for students in 4th - 12th grade in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Miami, and Palm Beach. There will also be additional expansion of programs in Tampa/St. Pete and Orlando (Central Florida).

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	20%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	250,000	20%
Local	544,618	44%
Other	199,500	16%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,244,118	100%

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		
2023-24		250,000	86	No

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.

Fundraising, philanthropic giving, grants and parent donations.

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Pro-rated salary for building managers and administrative staff.	8,142
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Pro-rated portion of the financial audit, utilities, rental equipment and office supplies.	3,578
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Pro-rated portion of salary for support staff.	3,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Pro-rated portion of afterschool supplies (including laptops and tablets), waived enrollment costs, enrichment workshops, college tour programs, purchased travel services and software licenses.	234,780
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)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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

Omega Lamplighters are requesting funding to help expand the Lighthouse At-Risk Mentorship to improve life skills and strengthening students career pathways, while also working to reduce crime committed by local youth.

Funds will be used to provide enrichment workshops, afterschool reading, math and literacy materials for students in 4th - 12th grade in Pensacola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Miami, Palm Beach, along with expansion of programs in Tampa/St. Pete and Orlando (Central Florida).

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



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This funding will allow the Omega Lamplighters to expand their existing in- and afterschool math & literacy mentorship programs. Additional resources will allow the Lamplighters to improve math pathways through STEM partnerships, lower crimes committed by youth through mentorship and life skills training, and improve literacy rates via dedicated afterschool reading programs.

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

Licensed mentorship and enrichment for youth to reduce gang related activity and delinquency while improving educational gains. College preparation, life skills and job training for youth in low-income/high crime urban communities.

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

We plan to serve at least 800 students in 4th - 12th grades throughout Florida. Since 2008, we have served over 1,000 children in grade school, high school and early early of college. Over the course of that time we have provided enrichment services to at-risk youth from economically disadvantaged conditions but deterred there involvement in drugs, crime and gang activity, while improving there individual educational goals.

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

Mentorship and enrichment to reduced crime and gang activity committed by at-risk youth in high crime/low income communities. We will work with licensed and trained professionals to provide assistance with mental health, anxiety, depression and other issues impacting youth. Strengthen quality of in-school and afterschool literacy and math pathways for students. Eliminate the use of illegal drugs and reducing substance abuse among youth.

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?

Paying back 10% of the awarded contracted amount and working with the Department of Education to ensure deliverables are successful. Increased monitoring and reporting throughout duration of partnership with the state of Florida.

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:



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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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