



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3138

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The funds provided through this appropriation will be used to purchase the needed computer hardware/software and other equipment needed to support the JA Biztown program at the JA Innovation Center to be located in Lake Nona, FL.

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	400,015
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	400,015

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)	400,015	7%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,000,000	86%
Other	402,000	7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	5,802,015	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? 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

10. Status of Construction



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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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	IT hardware, software licenses, audiovisual equipment, security system, digital sign equipment, furniture/fixtures, installation expense.	400,015
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)		400,015

13. Program Performance

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

The funds provided through this appropriation will be used to purchase the needed computer hardware/software and other equipment needed to support the JA Biztown program at the JA Innovation Center to be located in Lake Nona, FL.

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

Introduce 5th grade students to economics and free enterprise via hands-on experience where students apply learned concepts in a lifelike community. Students simulate running various businesses, earn paychecks, open and manage bank accounts, spend their income, and more. The students become full-fledged citizens and consumers by making purchases at other student-run businesses within JA Biz.

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



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Junior Achievement intends to establish an Innovation Center in Lake Nona and offer the JA BizTown program, a proven, transformative experiential learning program designed to engage and inspire the approximately 30,000 5th-grade students enrolled annually in Orange County Public Schools. BizTown is a simulated city environment that teaches free enterprise, career awareness, & entrepreneurship.

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

Grade school and high school students. Initially serving up to 30,000 5th grade students per year.

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

Students are provided the opportunity build knowledge in free enterprise, financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship.

- 93% of participants indicate that they plan to contribute their skills and interest to make their local community a better place to live.
- 85% of participants indicate they learned about at least one career option that they did not know about.
- Participants noted the importance of real-life skills, such as customer service, business management, and the workings of economy and market within a community.
- 90% of participants agreed that when they are old enough, voting is one way they can contribute to improving their local community.
- 83% of participants indicated that in the future they intend to use their voice to play an active role in their community (Source - Junior Achievement USA nationwide survey data - PAS Data 2024)

Methodology - Pre and post program participation surveys of students and teachers.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables or performance measures will result in either the inability to draw down all of the appropriated funds or the repayment of funds back to the State agency.

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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