



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3401

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Nourish Florida's AgTech Workforce Program pioneers the future of sustainable food production by equipping students with cutting-edge agricultural technology skills. Our purpose is to fuse innovation with urban farming, empowering learners through hands-on training in precision irrigation, hydroponics, and smart systems. Our goal is to cultivate a skilled, eco-conscious workforce ready to transform agriculture and food sustainability.

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	725,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	725,000

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)	725,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	250,000	17%
Other	475,000	33%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	1,450,000	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.**

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	Administration, record keeping, operations management	135,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Programming staff, employees	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing, supplies, fuel, truck rentals, hydroponic cargo container leases	440,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Guest speakers, audit and accounting	50,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		725,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

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

Through hands-on training in precision irrigation, hydroponics, and smart farming systems, students gain expertise in sustainable food production. The program fosters innovation, teamwork, and environmental stewardship, preparing the next generation for careers in ag-tech, urban agriculture, and food sustainability.

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, grade school students, high school students, university/college students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons. Target population is greater than 800

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

Benefit: The project will increase the efficiency in urban farming creating workforce development. Measure: Nourish Florida could track using smart farming techniques. Also by measure water and resources via precision irrigation and automation. Benefit: enhances student competency, with 80% proficiency in ag-tech applications. Measure - Nourish Florida could pre/post program assessments on smart farming knowledge and evaluate capstone project success 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?

CFBI will adhere to deliverables and/or if performance measures are not met, the penalty should be to discontinue funding.

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



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- Yes, Received
- No
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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) 503 c(3)

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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