



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1069

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Crockett Foundation Innovation Center, located in South Florida, is a state-of-the-art facility designed to bridge the digital divide in under-served communities by providing access to advanced technology and college and career readiness education. Serving as a community hub for Broward County schools and community programs, the Center offers hands-on computer science workshops, coding classes, STEM seminars, and eSports clinics and contests. These programs equip at-risk youth with essential skills in digital and information technology, fostering career exploration in high-demand technical fields. The Center also provides job training programs for parents/families who are enhancing skills for career advancement and economic mobility. By combining technology with creativity, the Center empowers the next generation for success in an evolving job market as it re-imagines technical education in the state of Florida.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	34%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	435,000	29%
Other	550,000	37%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	1,485,000	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.**



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The CF Innovation Center can secure financial support through a variety of alternative sources, including private foundations, federated agencies, and individual contributions, who often provide grants and donations aimed at promoting education, workforce training and community development. Private foundations and federated agencies, such as those focused on STEM education and youth development, have long supported initiatives that align with the mission of the organization and its Center.

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)?

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	The bulk of supplies or equipment that will be purchased include, but are not limited to, 3D printers, augmented reality/ virtual reality (AR/VR) goggles, laptops, consoles, program uniforms, and software licenses. Additional expenses include transportation and accommodation costs for field trips across Florida, supporting experiential learning opportunities that expand access to college and career readiness for youth and their parents.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	500,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will support the Crockett Foundation Innovation Center’s mission to bridge the digital divide by providing at-risk youth and families with essential skills in digital and informational technology and career exploration, thereby empowering families with tools for economic mobility and helping to create a pipeline of skilled workers for high-demand industries in the State of Florida.

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

The funds will support a range of activities and services designed to bridge the digital divide and promote career readiness for local at-risk youth and families. These include hands-on STEM workshops, coding classes, digital technology training, and eSports clinics, all aimed at equipping students with essential skills in technology and career exploration. Additionally, job training programs will be offered to help families develop critical skills for career advancement through courses in Microsoft applications, Google Workspace, basic coding languages (e.g., HTML, JavaScript), and social media management platforms. This way, students and their families can be inspired and empowered to gain the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market, explore career opportunities in high-demand fields, and achieve long-term economic mobility.

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

The Crockett Foundation Innovation Center will be a community hub for technology education and workforce development, ensuring that citizens have direct access to digital literacy tools, industry professionals, and community resources. By providing ongoing support and connecting individuals to a network of experts, the Innovation Center will empower citizens to thrive in the digital economy and create long-term pathways to success.

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

The primary target population for this project consists of students, ages 12-18, living in historically under-resourced neighborhoods in South Florida, along with their families who may be facing economic hardships. This project would serve approximately 500 persons every year with academic and workforce development success.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to empower at-risk students and their families with the skills, resources, and opportunities needed to succeed in the digital economy. Students will gain essential skills for high-demand industries, while families will have the opportunity to improve their job prospects and advance their careers. Ultimately, the project will foster economic self-sufficiency and positively impact both the educational and economic outcomes of under-served communities in South Florida. Regular monitoring of attendance and progress toward benchmark and certification achievements will be conducted to track and measure the success of these outcomes. Key performance metrics for student participants will also include the number of acceptance letters related to their college or career of choice, while key performance metrics for family participants will be the number of industry certificates completed and/or job applications submitted during their time at the Center.

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?

As a solution-based response, the contracting agency could consider a tiered approach that emphasizes corrective actions, continuous improvement, and performance incentives. Some suggested penalties may include: (1) scaled payment reductions based on missed deliverables or performance benchmarks; (2) submission of a detailed corrective action plan and the continued reduction of funds may be considered; (3) in egregious cases of mismanagement, state funds should be returned or redirected to alternative service providers who are meeting their performance measures.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?



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- 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.**

18. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization**
- b. Municipality and County**



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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.