



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1111

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Crockett Foundation Innovation Center headquartered in South Florida is a state-of-the-art facility that will bridge the digital gap in underserved communities by addressing its contributing factors head-on and preparing youth for the careers of the future. Designed to host STEM/STEAM-related workshops, coding classes, and eSports clinics for students, the Innovation Center will serve as a i) technological and creative workspace for our Crockett Explorers youth program and ii) community resource for schools throughout Broward County. Using hands-on experiential learning, the Center will provide at-risk youth with access to cutting-edge technology and educational opportunities, thereby promoting career exploration in the field of Esports, web design, graphic design, and information technology. In addition, the Center will be a community resource for adults seeking to augment or enhance their current job training skills.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future 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.

Private foundations and individual contributions

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. 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	Marketing, Postage/Printing, Trainings, Bookkeeping, Audit Fees, School Lease, OST Fees	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Space and Utilities, Program T-shirts, Office Supplies, Program Supplies, Field Trips/Food, College Tour Transportation, Equipment	350,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	CollegeWise, SAT/ACT Tutoring, Yoga Joint & mental health services, Data & Research, College Tour Coordinator	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The overall goal of the Crockett Foundation Innovation Center is to bridge the digital gap in underserved communities by addressing its contributing factors head-on and preparing youth for the careers of the future. Using hands-on experiential learning, the Center will provide at-risk youth with access to cutting-edge technology and educational opportunities to help promote career exploration in the field of Esports, web design, graphic design, and information technology.



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

- Utilize the Center's 3D printing and Magic Leap 1 goggles to showcase the latest technology and its potential applications.
- Utilize software such as Python 3.11, Visual Studio Code, Notepad++, OBS, Streamlabs, STEAM, RIOT, Microsoft Teams, and Discord to deliver high-quality workshops and clinics.
- Develop a schedule of regular workshops and clinics on Esports, coding, disruptive technologies such as AR and VR, and Web3, utilizing the Center's resources such as desktops, laptops, and Nintendo Switches.
- Partner with local schools and organizations to provide educational opportunities for youth and young adults.
- Host speaker events showcasing experts in the tech industry.
- Create web content to promote and document the lab and its events.
- Regularly assess and improve the lab's offerings to ensure they meet the needs of the target audience.

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

The Crockett Foundation Innovation Center is a state-of-the art facility that will serve as a year-round hub for community youth and local families. It is equipped with Alienware Esports desktops, Dell Latitude 5530 laptops, a MakerBot Replicator 3D printer, and more. Given these resources, it will provide interactive coding services and instruction to at-risk students who attend Broward county Title I schools. In addition to following a project-based curriculum teaching students front-end web development languages such as HTML, CSS, and Javascript, youth will have the opportunity to engage in lectures, experiments, field trips, guest speakers, and workshops.

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

- The primary target population is 400 BIPOC at-risk youth who attend Title secondary schools (middle and high) in Broward County.
- The secondary target population is 100 BIPOC adults who require upskilling, reskilling, or new skilling.

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

To improve the quality of education and expose the youth and adults to a variety of opportunities for excelling in the tech job industry.

- 1) Youth will achieve progress and advancement in activities to achieve program goals (e.g completion of lessons and modules);
- 2) Youth will acquire computer and technology skills (e.g programming languages, game and app creation, project completion, spreadsheets and documents);
- 3) Youth will gain knowledge of computer science and engineering concepts, both in electrical engineering and in software algorithms;
- 4) Adult participants will be able to enhance their economic self-sufficiency

Methodology: Program staff monitor attendance regularly and adjust strategies as needed, based on real-time attendance rates. Salesforce CRM is used to manage scholar enrollment, attendance, progress, and overall reporting. Program staff also conduct qualitative evaluations of all work.

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 the contract?

Standard penalties are adequate. If youth fail to meet deliverables, they will not advance to the next level of coding and will not obtain their certifications. The website and entrepreneurship projects are completed in tandem to allow maximum support and guidance in understanding novel concepts and their application to the real world.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**



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16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number