



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1692

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues Literary Centers will support the Department of Education's statewide efforts in eliminating post pandemic achievement gaps amongst grade level students with emphasis on persistently low performing schools. The curriculum prepared and executed by Department of Education certified instructors will focus on small group and individual sessions improving performance in literacy, reading, math, parent/student digital literacy and school readiness. The Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues Literacy Centers will concentrate efforts on core schools in metropolitan Urban League affiliate areas statewide.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

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)	1,500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

If state funding is not available, the Urban League of Broward County and the Consortium of Urban League Affiliates will work to raise private capital from financial institutions and/or highly competitive federal multi-year grant funding.

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



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Yes

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

\$782,000 - PPP 100% allocated to payroll and payroll related expenses  
 \$15,000 - Covid Testing Site and supplies  
 \$195,000 - Supportive Isolation, flex funds for rent, utilities, transportation, food and medical

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Staff responsible for all coordination of activities relating to the statewide Literacy Centers including division managers, counselors, tutors/instructors and security.	600,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program and administrative supplies for students and staff of the literacy centers (including computers, tablets, laptops) and related expenses to the execution of the curriculum and extracurricular activities including marketing and purchasing/printing of curriculum materials.	600,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants to provide professional, legal, accounting, marketing, operations and technology expertise as needed.	300,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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

The purpose of the Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues Literacy Centers is to reduce statewide post pandemic achievement gaps for children K-5th grade, with emphasis on persistently low performing schools, through a robust curriculum focused on literacy, reading, math, school readiness and parent/student digital literacy skills. The curriculum prepared and executed by DOE certified instructors will focus on small group and individual sessions to assist students in performing at or above grade level.

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

The Florida Consortium of Urban Leagues Literacy Centers will focus on core schools in Urban League affiliate areas working with schools deemed persistently low performing by the Department of Education. A curated curriculum focused on literacy, reading, math, digital literacy and school readiness will provide an estimated 1,050+ students per year with the skills necessary to perform at or above grade level.

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

Access to digital literacy courses and technological resources will assist in bridging the digital divide for low-income families affected by the post pandemic achievement gaps. Support services for parents to better assist with academic improvements and advocacy for their children will also improve academic achievement, school readiness and overall life expectancies/outcomes.

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

Target population will focus on grade school students including economically disadvantaged, developmentally disabled and at-risk youth and their familial unit with the goal of serving 1050+ students statewide.

**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 is a significant decrease in academic achievement gaps for grade level students statewide. Our goal is to increase the number of students performing at or above testing standards in reading/literacy and math while increasing confidence in learning and academic performance. The Florida Department of Education provides extensive data on achievement gaps in reading and math and academic disparities in persistently poor performing schools of which several are in Urban League affiliate areas.

**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?**

In our experience, meeting deliverables or performance measures is critical to our success and that of the state. Penalties for non-performance may include reduction in funding or inability to be reimbursed for ineligible activities that have been completed and cancellation of the contract if egregious activities should ever occur.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

**a. Organization**

**b. Municipality and County**

**c. Organization Type**



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- 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**