



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2276

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Independence Landing purchased local coffee house RedEye Coffee with the intention of using it to employ people with developmental disabilities and to establish a workforce training center onsite. This program will utilize supported employment specialists to assess each participant on a range of skills and train them for jobs in the coffee house that match their skills set. Jobs range from food prep and bussing to production and roasting.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	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	200,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

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

No



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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	Project Director Health Insurance \$7,200 Retirement \$3,600	70,800
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptop \$1,200	1,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Supported Employment Specialists 2 @ \$40,000 Health Insurance 2 @ \$7,200 Retirement 2 @ \$2,400 Payroll taxes \$16,000	115,200
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptops 2 @ \$1,200 Ipads for training 5 @ \$250 Curriculum \$500 Training supplies \$8,650	12,800
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)		200,000

14. 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?

Activities include: 1) comprehensive skills assessment, 2) coffee shop jobs exploration, 3) individualized training plan development, 4) hands-on training with a supported employment specialist at the RedEye Coffee training center.

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

Citizens will be provided with employment training and be given the opportunity to work in a local, successful, coffee shop.

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

The target population is individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the goal is to serve 50 people per year.

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

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage of working-age people with disabilities who are employed is about one-third of the percentage of people without any disability. About 50 percent of people who are employed struggle to complete their tasks due to their disabilities, according to the BLS. The outcome of this program will be individuals with disabilities who have completed vocational training, are working in their own bakery, or are moving out into good paying jobs in the community.

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?

We look forward to creating accountability standards with the agency assigned to administer this funding.

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

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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