



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3424

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

OSC is requesting state appropriation funding to purchase and equip a Central Florida Mobile Science Lab. The Central Florida Mobile Science Lab program will help prepare students and the community for jobs of the 21st century, filling Florida's growing need for a STEM-skilled workforce. The lab will facilitate accessible science education opportunities at schools. OSC will provide science-focused in-class workshops for students as well as family events.

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	594,808
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	594,808

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)	594,808	90%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	67,808	10%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	662,616	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.

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

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



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OSC received a total of \$4,776,715 in COVID-19 related funding. We received support through the Paycheck Protection Program which has supported personnel and benefits for staff; federal grant funding to support the purchase of PPE and COVID-related health and facilities upgrades to ensure the safety of our visitors, students, volunteers and staff; and SBA's Shuttered Venue Grant.

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	Vice President of Education will conduct oversight, develop curriculum, and provide management for the project. Orlando Science Center will match \$2785.	2,785
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Director of Education Initiatives, Education Specialist, Educator and Coordinator of Education Initiatives will provide program development, curriculum content development, program implementation, coordination with school and families, and program evaluation. VP of Visitor Experience will oversee staff with the purchase, outfitting, and maintenance of the Mobile Science Lab. OSC will match \$65,023.	65,023
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The Central Florida Mobile Science Lab mobile bus; transportation to and from program sites including gas and vehicular maintenance; costs for outfitting the Mobile Science Lab and materials for program delivery.	527,000
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)		594,808



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14. Program Performance

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

The mobile lab introduces youth and their families to science learning strategies and provides in-class robotics, drones, and other technologies focused workshops developed to teach real-world problem-solving skills for students from Central Florida and rural school districts with limited access and opportunities. By bringing the Mobile Science Lab to these populations, we will reduce barriers to access and create opportunities where they don't otherwise exist, broadening our reach and increasing access to STEM learning, and ultimately, lucrative careers.

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

The lab will facilitate accessible science education opportunities at schools, introducing learners to STEM-focused learning strategies and provides in-class robotics, drones, and other technologies focused workshops developed to teach real-world problem-solving skills for students from Central Florida and rural school districts.

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

OSC's Central Florida Mobile Science Lab will reduce barriers to access and create opportunities where they don't otherwise exist, broadening our reach and increasing access to STEM learning, and ultimately, lucrative careers. This program will address specific needs, meeting students and the community where they are and providing an authentic partnership.

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

Grade school students, high school students, and families. 800+ individuals are expected to be served.

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

This program will deliver specific and targeted learning opportunities for students and provide more overall community engagement and awareness of lucrative STEM careers. OSC will develop interactive student activities to help bridge understanding of key science principles and standards. OSC will measure impact through pre and post surveys.

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?

OSC will furnish reports to describe the project progress during the period of performance. Any unused funds will be returned to the State of Florida.

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)



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- 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