



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3187

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Since its inception, the Arts Conservatory for Teens (ACT) has successfully reached over 13,000 students with a 100% high school graduation rate and a 90% rate of admission to college. State funding will expand ACT's current annual impact from 700 to 3,000 students. Independent evaluation has confirmed the positive impact of ACT on students' attitudes about life, school, and their futures with many going on to productive careers in the arts. Arts Conservatory for Teens uses the arts as a catalyst for holistic student development and provides high level arts education, in many different disciplines across multiple sites, to create pathways for stronger futures for youth ages 11-18.

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

**State Agency contacted?**  Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>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)	500,000	34%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	94,000	6%
Other	906,000	60%
<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?**  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.**

The Arts Conservatory for Teens continues to work to identify and engage partners and individuals in an effort to secure private and grant support to meet the organization's needs.

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.

Funds received were utilized to maintain staff and continue organizational operations during the pandemic. All PPP funds have been forgiven.

## 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	Chief Executive Officer	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Director of Curriculum & Programs \$40,000 - Portion of salary and benefits to increase recruiting and retention of students, sites, and staff. Creative Futures Coordinator, \$50,000- Portion of salary and benefits to support and mentor students. Community Liaison \$35,000- Portion of salary and benefits to discover barriers to success for students.	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment and Supplies: Sound System, Instruments, Visual Arts and Photography Supplies, IT Equipment	180,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Teaching Artists, Independent Evaluator, Licensed Mental Health Clinician, Community Outreach	150,000
<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>500,000</b>

### 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?**

ACT's creative and performing arts programming will provide students with the skills needed to thrive in high school, with a 100% graduation rate for program participants, while building a path toward future successful careers in the creative workforce and developing their social and emotional well-being.

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

ACT will expand its programming to reach more students on an annual basis, providing weekly core classes, as well as master classes, and workshops in areas such as health and wellness, financial literacy, leadership, and entrepreneurship. ACT also incorporates character essentials into all of its instruction, which includes building important life skills and character essential for the workforce.

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

The target population for this project includes grade school students, high school students, economically disadvantaged persons, and at-risk youth. Over 800 individuals are expected to be served through this project.

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

State funding would allow ACT to replicate and scale this unique and highly successful program, with 100% high school graduation rate and a 90% rate of admission to college, by boosting the number of students served annually from 700 to over 3,000 in the Tampa Bay area. The measurement method will be provided by a third party to include focus groups, surveys, and interviews of students, parents, and teachers. ACT will also track improved school attendance and standardized test scores, and survey students on confidence, concentration, and improving views on their education.

**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?**

Disbursed funds for deliverables not met would be returned to the state.

**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)



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- 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**