



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3500

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

4. Project/Program Description

A3 Foundation is a non-profit foundation to promote sustainable agriculture, advocate for educational opportunities, and create awareness of community priorities.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000	20%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>625,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.
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### Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction



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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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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	The Executive Director and Assistant to Executive Director will perform all day-to day tasks including, but not limited to, coordination with educational agencies, scholarships distribution and other liaisons necessary to perform their service described above.	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Miscellaneous Expense - Accounting and Legal Services	15,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	A3 FOUNDATION CORP shall contract and pay designated agencies to provide resources to help educators and consumers learn more about agriculture, provide scholarships to agriculture programs or other community priority program.	385,000
<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>

13. Program Performance

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

Funds shall be used to promote sustainable agriculture, advocate for educational opportunities, and create awareness of community priorities.

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



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Scholarships for students enrolled in college agricultural programs, life sciences and other community priority programs. Provide resources to help educators and consumers learn more about agriculture. Provide opportunities for farm families to support agriculture in Florida or other community priority programs. Provide educational programs for individuals with special needs.

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

Agricultural Extension Services: Offer extension services to provide farmers with information on best practices, new technologies, and pest control methods. Education Programs: Develop educational programs in schools and communities to raise awareness about sustainable agriculture and its benefits. Food Security Programs: Develop food security programs to ensure that vulnerable communities have access to nutritious and locally produced food and provide educational programs for individuals with special needs.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons - Preschool students - Grade school students - High school students - University/College students - Developmentally disabled  
Target population: >800

**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 more sustainable agriculture awareness, more educational opportunities, and more awareness of community priorities. 1-Baseline Assessment 2-Implementation of the Initiative 3-Midpoint Evaluation 4-Post-Implementation Evaluation

**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 in the contract?**

There are no penalties expected. The penalties for non-deliverables or performance would be the withholding of funds

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?**

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

**b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):**

**15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:**

**b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:**



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**16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?**

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

**a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):**

**17. Requester Contact Information**

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

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

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

**18. 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**  **Ext.**

**19. Lobbyist Contact Information**

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**



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c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

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