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Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2022-23
For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: East Mims Innovation Lab
2. Date of Submission: 11/16/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Rene Plasencia

4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2021-22 <i>(If appropriated in 2021-22 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2022-23 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:					510,000	510,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2022-23 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request	510,000	93.6%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	35,000	6.4%	Yes
TOTAL	545,000	100%	

5. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Education

a. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

b. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

While we have every intention of not only meeting but exceeding all performance measures outlined herein, in the remote chance that the timeline is delayed, we will provide an updated schedule to finish construction and begin enrolling learners as expeditiously as safely and responsibly possible.

7. Requester:

a. Name: Karen Curry

b. Organization: Tooley Community Development Group

c. Email: kcurry@tooleycdg.org

d. Phone #: (941)462-9786

8. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project.

a. Name: Karen Curry

b. Organization: Tooley Community Development Group

c. Email: kcurry@tooleycdg.org

d. Phone #: (941)462-9786

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

d. Phone #:

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

a. Name: Tooley Community Development Group

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b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Brevard

c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Brevard

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

12. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that Science, Technology, Engineering and Math occupations will outpace growth in other sectors in the next 10 years. Average income for STEM fields is more than 2x other occupations. The objective of the East Mims Innovation Lab is to give the citizens (especially the youth) of East Mims, a low income census block, access to the tools and knowledge needed to earn competitive wages and contribute to Florida's legacy of innovation.

13. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director (\$65,000 Salary, \$9,750 benefits (15%))	74,750
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	Executive Assistant (\$33,000 salary, \$3,300 (10%))	36,300
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses, Travel, Contingencies	10,000
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

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Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Instructor (\$35,000 salary, \$3,500 benefits (10%))	38,500
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, Peripherals, Internet Accessibility (routers, modems, service)	20,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant/Studies	5,450
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Demo & Construction	325,000
TOTAL		510,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?
- For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
 - State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
 - Other (Please describe)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?
No

16. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?
Yes

a. Please Describe:

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In the two previous community surveys (2004 & 2019) conducted by Brevard County, the East Mims community requested support for academic enrichment and youth activities. The community also requested support for vocational skills development. The activities described also align with Kennedy Space Center's interest in expanding STEM learning. TCDG has received a letter of support from KSC Education

17. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

a. Please Describe:

Brevard County conducted a planning process for their consolidated plan. The Survey showed that citizens have a need for vocation training and youth academic support.

18. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Construction of a STEM laboratory in East Mims. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Classes, Hands on Instruction, Vocational Skills, Tutoring and afterschool programs

b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The direct services provided to the citizens will consist of instruction, tutoring, and training in STEM subjects including coding, robotics, computer animation, hands on engineering, graphic and digital arts, modeling and simulation

c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups"). Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)

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- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

19. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit or outcome
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Participants' proficiency in one or	This can be measured by school

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	more STEM subjects will improve.	progress reports in those areas.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism	The innovation lab will be a unique program in Brevard County, particularly in a low income, historically Black neighborhood. Others will want to tour the innovative building and benchmark the initiative.	The administration of the lab will keep records of tours and visits.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	The innovation lab will provide work for a general contractor and team to do the construction work. ~1 year project. The Innovation Lab will create three (3) living wage jobs on an ongoing basis.	Project employment reports from the general contractor. Employee reports from the Innovation Lab Executive Director once operational.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	The Innovation Lab will enhance the economic self sufficiency of participants by giving them the tools to acquire high(er) paying jobs.	We can measure this outcome by tracking graduate success for at least 6 months following completion.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism	By providing night classes to adult learners, the Innovation Lab can	We can measure this outcome by tracking graduate success for at

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	help ex-offenders gain the skills to stay productive.	least 6 months following completion.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Providing the proficiencies and competencies needed to earn a competitive living wage.	We can measure this outcome by tracking graduate success for at least 6 months following completion.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		