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[Insert Your Organization] Receives Florida Lottery Lighting the Way to a Bright Future Grant

[City of your organization, Country] – [Date] – [Your organization], [description of your organization], today announced it has received a grant for \$5,000 from [the Florida Lottery \(Lottery\)](#).

Through the [Lighting the Way to a Bright Future](#) program grant, [Your organization] will [description of program funded by grant, number/demographic of people reached].

[Insert quote from your organization representative regarding the impact of the funding. Reference Key Messages for support.]

[Provide additional details about specific initiatives that will be funded by your grant.]

The Lottery recognizes that while all Florida students can earn a Bright Futures Scholarship, many may need additional support to meet the criteria and prepare for post-secondary success – particularly students of low socio-economic backgrounds and aspiring first-generation college students.

This year the Florida Lottery provided \$50,000 to the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations to fund nine standout projects by local education foundations that “light the way” for thousands of students to earn a Bright Futures Scholarship for college and career certification programs throughout Florida, including [your district].

“At the Lottery, enhancing educational opportunities for students in our state is at the very heart of why we do what we do,” said Florida Lottery Secretary John F. Davis. “We are proud to partner with the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations and to provide these grants to local districts who are *Lighting the Way to a Brighter Future* for Florida’s students.”

- For additional information on the Florida Lottery Bright Futures program, visit: <https://www.flalottery.com/brightfutures>
- For more information on [Your organization] please visit [link to your organization’s website].

About [Your organization]

[Insert your organization’s boilerplate description]

About the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations:

The Consortium is the membership organization for Florida’s school district-wide local education foundations. Established in 1987, the Consortium connects individuals, organizations, and financial resources to build the capacity and effectiveness of Florida’s local education foundations. Together, Consortium members raise more than \$80 million annually for a variety of locally driven initiatives and are led by 1,200 board members, 80% of whom are local business and community leaders working in partnership with school district leaders. The Consortium manages the nation’s only 1:1 legislative match for

education foundation initiatives and a variety of privately funded grant programs. For more information about the Consortium, visit: www.educationfoundationsfl.org

About the Florida Lottery Bright Futures Scholarship Program:

The Bright Futures Scholarship Program is primarily funded by the Florida Lottery. It was created in 1997 by the Florida Legislature to assist students in pursuing postsecondary educational and career goals. Since the program's inception, the Lottery has contributed more than **\$7.48 billion** to send **over 950,000** students to college.

