



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Computer Mentors Group, Youth Cyber Security & Coding Camps

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Darryl Rouson

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/27/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

This is a request to institute an Information Technology training initiative to provide cyber security training and computer coding camps for 180 high school and middle school youth. The camps will be conducted in the summer over a four week period. Youth can then continue into the normal year-around Computer Mentors Group programs called TeenTech and KidsCode.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?  
Department of Economic Opportunity

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
339,800		339,800

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	50,000	12.8%
TOTAL	50,000	12.8 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 389,800

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?  
e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

339,800

11. Program Performance:

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

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (2017), reported that there is a severe shortage of individuals skilled in Information Technology in the United States including Florida. The report underscored computer related jobs, which represented 12 of the top 20 science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), advertised jobs. These positions included Software and Applications Developers, Computer User Support Specialists, Computer Systems Analysts, Web Developers, Information Security Analysts, Computer Programmers, and Computer Systems Engineers and Architects. The highest demands for STEM, are in counties that circumference large metropolitan areas such as Hillsborough County, Orange County, Miami-Dade County, Broward County, and Duval County. Computer Mentors Group is already closing the digital divide gap and building a pipeline of Information Technology talent for local employers, and has been doing so for the last 20 year

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

With the assistance from the State of Florida, Computer Mentors will use its capacity to provide technology training programs to host a set of summer computer training camps, focusing on coding, programming and Cyber security. The camps are intended to be housed at the University Mall right next to University of South Florida which is conveniently located and has a food court. We will hire industry certified instructors and college students that are pursuing STEM degrees, to teach high school and middle school students information technology skills in coding, programming and Cyber security. Students who are interested in information



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technology and want to pursue continuing education are welcome to enroll in Computer Mentors' year round program to earn industry certifications.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Organizational Director. Will coordinate all aspects of this initiative.	30,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Includes Program Manager (6 months) plus a set of Lead Trainers and Assistant Trainers, whom will be employed for a total of three (3) months each.	205,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facilities rental, facilities preparation, furniture, Internet, computers, and marketing.	104,800
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		339,800

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

We will provide technology training services to a minimum of 180 youth.



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

The target population is middle and high school youth. Income and other demographic criteria do not apply and there will be no restriction based upon sex, income, race, or religion. However, every effort will be made to recruit a diverse population of youth.

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

This program will underscore career and technical education (CTE) skills in the Information Technology industry that is not currently being offered in existing school systems. Economically, over time this innovative program will provide potential employees with skills and resources required by all corporations. The career and technical education (CTE) skills in the Information Technology industry can positively impact the juvenile justice population in ways of increasing participation, as youth learn computer skills that could possibly lead to high demand jobs, by enrolling in the after school program at Computer Mentors to follow the paths of earning a series of industry certifications in IT infrastructure and/or Software Development. Youth will be fully engaged during the out-of-school time (OST).

**g. 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?**

The agency may request a percentage of the monies to be returned to the State as it pertains to the percentage of the goal that was missed.

**12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

There is no capital outlay for this project.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** RALPH A SMITH EXE. DIRECTOR
- b. **Organization:** Computer Mentors Group, Inc.
- c. **Email:** RSmith@computermentors.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (813)236-1191

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Computer Mentors Group, Inc.
- b. **County:** Hillsborough, Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

c. Email:

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