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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Li'l Abner Foundation Programs

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/15/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

To provide after school programs for underprivileged children . Our goal is for no child to stay behind because of lack of funds. Our most important program is providing free tutoring for any child from first through twelfth grades. For this program we partner with the FIU Honors College for the tutors. We reward the children that attend the tutoring programs by allowing them to join any one of our three current programs promoting "Education through Physical Fitness". The three programs are: Taekwondo, Dance and Archery. We would like to now also start providing a fourth program with music.

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 Education

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
180,050		180,050

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	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 180,050

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)



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- 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.)		
Column:	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?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The purpose is to continue, enhance and expand the services provided to the economically disadvantaged residents of the residents of Sweetwater and surrounding low income areas.

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

For the children from K-12 Grades: After School Tutoring, Taekwondo, Dance, Archery, Piano & Guitar Classes.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director-Managing all personnel and programs.	48,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant	36,192
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel/Seminars	2,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent; utilities; repairs; alarm services; insurance liability; taekwondo equipment and competition fees; archery equipment and competition costs; dance uniforms; musical instruments; laptops w/ educational software programs; gymnastics flooring and installation	60,598
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted custodial services; taekwondo assistant instructor; dance instructor; piano and guitar instructors; K-8 Teacher	33,260
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		180,050

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

TUTORING: We tutor 150 children with one State Certified K-8 Grade Teacher plus volunteer tutors. Since tutors are volunteers, we cannot demand their attendance. We have an urgent need to be able to hire one additional teacher. We currently have four old desktop computer that the tutors use to help these students navigate subjects they are studying in school. We need to purchase four newer laptop computers with updated educational programs and more memory, thus enabling our low income families (most of which do not own a computer or have access to the internet at home) to develop computer knowledge and not fall behind their peers. PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS. TAEKWONDO. DANCE. ARCHERY. MUSIC PROGRAM

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

Children from 3-18 years old. Underserved and/or At Risk youth, Economically Disadvantaged Children from the Sweetwater Community. We expect to serve around 310 children.

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

Overall, the main benefit that we aim for from all our programs are to give economically disadvantaged children the same educational and physical fitness opportunities granted to any child. Our free tutoring



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program helps children unable to afford a private tutor with additional instruction or educational guidance. Our three current Education through Physical Benefits programs (Taekwondo, dance and archery) are aimed at improving Physical and mental health, self-discipline, improving motor skills, self-esteem and confidence. Our upcoming music program (piano and guitar) aims to extend these same benefits to musically-inclined children in our community.

- 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?**

None.

- 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.**

N/A

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization:** Lil Abner Foundation
- b. County:** Miami-Dade
- 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:**
- d. Phone Number:**