



# The Florida Senate

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

1. **Title of Project:** Linking Educational Assets for Readiness Now (LEARN)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Greg Steube

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/17/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Manatee Education Foundation and the Early Learning Community Task Force of Manatee County, which includes the School District of Manatee County (SDMC), the Manatee County Early Learning Coalition (ELC), the Manatee Community Action Agency (Head Start), and the South Florida Museum (SFM), have partnered to create a new, county-wide initiative designed to maximize the impact of Manatee County's educational resources for early learners. The goal of the initiative is to integrate the South Florida Museum's Mosaic Backyard Universe, a new educational resource in the community, into the county's network of early learning resources, enhancing the Early Learning Community Task Force's efforts to coordinate and deliver an integrated continuum of educational programs for the county's underserved Prekindergarten students and their families. This initiative will enable the community to create continuity between existing programs, maximize investments in new program development.

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
309,000		309,000

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):** 309,000



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### 9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- 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?

Yes

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

2019-20 = \$331,500; 2020-21 = \$354,000; 2021-22 = \$356,500

### 11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of the LEARN initiative is to establish a coordinated, county-wide network of early learning resources. Funding will allow the Manatee Early Learning Coalition, School District of Manatee County, South Florida Museum, and Manatee Education Foundation to develop, coordinate, and deliver an integrated continuum of educational programs for the county's underserved Pre-K - 2 students, their families, and their educators.

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

1) Early Learning Coalition (ELC), School District of Manatee County (SDMC) and South Florida Museum (SFM) collaboration on development and expansion of STEAM Machine outreach programs and follow up extension activities; 2) SFM and SDMC collaborate to expand SOAR in 4 programming to six schools in 2018-19 with monthly programs at SFM; 3) SFM to provide free admission and transportation to Mosaic Backyard Universe/North End Education Complex to all Title 1 Pre-K-2 students in Manatee County and to ELC supported private VPKs; 4) ELC, SDMC, SFM provide educator and parental development workshops; 5) SDMC and SFM continue hosting Ballard Satellite VPK at SFM

- How will the funds be expended?



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	MEF Fund Administration	9,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Full-time Program Coordinator = \$55,000; Part-time Program Assistant = \$27,500; Custodial Support for SFM/VPK = \$15,000; Educator Stipends = \$7,500	105,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Collaborative development of STEAM Machine extension programs/materials = \$10,000; Educator & Parent Workshop Supplies = \$5,000; SFM Family Memberships = \$2,500	17,500
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Title 1 MBU admission + transportation = \$65,000; ELC Community VPK and Outreach = \$32,000; SDMC/SFM first year total for SOAR in 4 Expansion = \$33,000 Professional and Parental Development Workshops = \$27,500 Community Family Nights = \$20,000	177,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		



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TOTAL		309,000
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**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Student, Family, and Educator access to coordinated, community- and School District-based early learning resources

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

Underserved and Title 1 PK-2 students, their families, and their educators

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

We expect to see the percentage of underserved/Title 1 students performing at grade level by grade 3 increase annually. It will take four years to see the results of the program and measure overall effectiveness. The ELC/SDMC's new "Universal Identifier" for each child in the county will enable us to evaluate the number of programs each child participates in, as well as their academic achievement.

**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?**

No payment will be made to contractors failing to meet deliverables

**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:**

- a. Name: Mary Glass
- b. Organization: Manatee Education Foundation
- c. Email: glassm@manateeschools.net
- d. Phone Number: (941)251-4937

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization: Manatee Education Foundation
- b. County: Manatee
- c. Organization Type:
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. Contact Name: Mary Glass



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e. E-mail Address: glassm@manateeschools.net

f. Phone Number: (941)251-4937

**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

a. Name: Greg Black

b. Firm: Gunster

c. Email:

d. Phone Number: (850)521-1709