



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1010

1. **Title of Project:** Take Stock in Children: Dramatically Improving Post-Secondary Completion

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Manny Diaz

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/17/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Take Stock in College: Dramatically Improving Post-Secondary Completion for Florida's Children in Poverty. Take Stock in Children is currently implementing Take Stock in College, a new program to increase the post-secondary completion rate of Take Stock in Children (TSIC) student/scholars to 95%. Take Stock in College is not only working to bridge the gap between high school and career for TSIC students but is leveraging millions of dollars the state has invested to ensure more youth make it out of poverty through higher education.

More importantly, a higher college completion rate means a greater return on investments made in students and increased student access to competitive, career ladder jobs, and a stronger Florida economy.

Program services include: Student Ambassadors at each of Florida's 40 colleges and universities and College Completion Coaches (regionally assigned statewide) to connect student/scholars to existing on campus resources.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Board of Governors

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	850,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		650,000	160	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 850000

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director will oversee the program and ensure effectiveness throughout the state, including hiring; training and managing all staff; and communicating with state, college, and university leaders.	90,000
Other Salary and Benefits	0	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	0	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	0	0
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Student Ambassadors at all 40 Florida colleges and universities will be peer mentors for Take Stock in Children students. Each will receive a stipend. Six College Completion Coaches (Post-secondary Resource Specialists) will provide support services to ensure students stay on track for college completion and are ready to enter a career. A part-time Data Entry and Management specialist will manage student and programmatic data. A part-time Financial Aid Specialist will help maximize aid.	355,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	One-year license for Graduway, a proven web-based platform for effectively engaging students online; one-year license for Signal Vine, a text system that will enable timely messaging of “nudge” reminders and encouragement; Subscription to National Student Clearinghouse; TSIC STAR database enhancements to track student performance data; travel for staff to and between colleges and universities; events on 40 Florida colleges and university campuses per semester.	155,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Local program (statewide) mini-grants to facilitate the transition from high school to post-secondary education by trusted Take Stock in Children affiliate staff. An independent evaluation will be commissioned to determine programmatic effectiveness and identify opportunities for improvement.	250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	0	0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

850,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Take Stock in Children students attending Florida colleges and universities will graduate at a rate of 95%. Take Stock in Children has a proven track record of assisting at risk students achieve their educational dreams. This program will ensure at least 95% of Take Stock Students who attend college in Florida will achieve graduation.

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

Take Stock in Children student/scholars attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities will receive two types of services. First, Student Ambassadors at each of Florida's 40 colleges and universities will address critical barriers to college completion through peer mentoring and other supports for other Take Stock in Children student/scholars enrolled at that school. Second, a network of College Completion Coaches (Post-secondary Resource Specialists) will provide robust, professional college completion services to Take Stock and Children students at each of Florida's 40 colleges and universities. Specifically, they will: a) monitor academic progress to ensure students stay on track for completion, b) cultivate partnerships with post-secondary institutions to leverage every existing program, c) train Student Ambassadors and field more difficult student challenges, d) maximize financial aid by helping students navigate the system, and e) build career readiness through coaching.

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

Take Stock in Children student/scholars attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities will receive two types of services. First, Student Ambassadors at every one of Florida's 40 colleges and universities will provide them with peer mentoring and other supports to keep them on-track for completion. Second, Take Stock in Children students at all 40 Florida colleges and universities will receive support from a College Completion Coach (Post-secondary Resource Specialists). Specifically, they will receive: a) monitoring of their academic progress to ensure they stay on track for completion, b) the benefit of being connected to existing college and university resources, c) receiving financial aid guidance and navigation support, and d) career readiness skills building through in-person coaching and a library of expert web-based courses.

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

Take Stock in Children student/scholars attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities (all of whom come from families in poverty). There are over 5,000 Take Stock scholars/students attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities.

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

Increased college and university graduation rate for Take Stock in Children student/scholars (all of whom come from families in poverty) and are able to fully realize the investment by the state of Florida in public education from early learning to post-secondary. The primary benefit of the project will be measured using college and university data. Additionally, the independent evaluator will select other, research-based indicators that assess if student/scholars are on the path to post-secondary completion.



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- f. **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?**

Not meeting individual deliverables will have financial consequences.

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

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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