



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1017

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

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 01/22/2019

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 students 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 to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	184,985
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	184,985

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)	184,985	52.07%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	27,135	7.64%
Other	143,120	40.29%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	355,240	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 11,507.88



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director-Managing all personnel and programs.	55,680
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant	36,192
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel/Office supplies/other(fliers/postcards)	2,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Location Rent, Utilities, Facilities & Equip Maint/repairs Insurance Liability, D&O, Licence/ Permits/Taxes, Taekwondo Competition Cost, Taekwondo Equipment, Archery Competition Cost, Archery Equipment, Dance Uniforms for Competitions, Dance Competition Cost, Music-Piano, Music-Guitar, Laptops w/Educational Programs, Floor, Flooring Labor Installation	61,213
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Personnel, Taekwondo Assistant Instructor, Dance Teacher, Archery Asst. Instructor, Piano Teacher, Guitar Teacher, K-8 Teacher	29,900
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		184,985

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. College SAT Prep classes.

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

TUTORING: 130 children tutored w/1 teacher. Need additional Teacher. FIU students volunteer as tutors so we c/n demand their attendance. We currently have 4 old desktop computer that the tutors use to help these students navigate subjects they are studying in school. Need to purchase 4 new laptop computers w/updated educational programs & more memory, enabling our students to develop computer knowledge and not fall behind their peers. College SAT Prep Classes. Need: Teacher & Prep Books.



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

Children from 3-18 years old. Undeserved and/or At Risk youth, Economically Disadvantaged Children from the Sweetwater Community. We expect to serve around 300 children.

e. 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 program helps children unable to afford a private tutor with additional instruction or educational guidance. Success is measured w/their academic improvement. Our three current Education through Physical Education programs (Taekwondo, dance and archery) are aimed at improving Physical and mental health, self-discipline, improving motor skills, self- esteem and confidence. Although it's difficult to measure outcome, we base much of the success w/our retention rates and results of participants in local & state competitions. Also, for students with discipline problems at home or in school, we measure conduct improvement in their schools and home. Our upcoming music program (piano and guitar) aims to extend these same benefits to musically-inclined children in our community.

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?

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.

None

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Lil Abner Foundation
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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. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**