



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1738

1. Title of Project: Single Stop at Miami Dade College

2. Senate Sponsor: Anitere Flores

3. Date of Submission: 02/11/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The need for mental health counseling is alarmingly on the rise, especially on college campuses. Specifically, there is an increase in presenting issues categorized as "severe", which includes self-injury and violence-related incidents deriving from depression, hopelessness and substance use. The peak onset for most mental health disorders is during young adulthood. The scarcity and lack of knowledge of affordable mental health resources made available to students has contributed to the rise of negative mental health symptoms that interfere with their academic performance, relationships and daily living. MDC aims to serve an expanded number of eligible students through its Single Stop program by having a full time Mental Health and Wellness Counselor at each campus to address these growing concerns.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	39.7%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	120,000	13.6%
Other	412,379	46.7%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	882,379	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? No



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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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Five (5) full-time Mental Health and Wellness Counselors will be hired to provide direct support and counseling to MDC students. One counselor @ \$70,000 each (salary plus benefits) x 5 counselors	350,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Single Stop at Miami Dade College aims to improve student mental health for students by providing counseling, support and wrap-around services that will lead to increased student retention at the College.

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

The Counselors will screen and assess students' concerns and develop individualized treatment and safety plans. They will actively engage students in individual and group counseling sessions. The Counselors will also help raise awareness about mental health and facilitate support groups on campus.

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

The Counselors will screen and assess students' concerns and develop individualized treatment and safety plans. They will actively engage students in individual and group counseling sessions. The Counselors will also help raise awareness about mental health and facilitate support groups on campus.

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

The program will be open to all MDC students with a specific emphasis on students who meet at least one of the following criteria: In poor mental health or exhibiting a need for mental health support; unemployed; economically disadvantaged; at-risk; homeless; and/or currently or formerly incarcerated. The program will serve a minimum of 800 students.

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



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Single Stop at Miami Dade College expects to: 1. Improve mental health; and 2. Improve student retention at the College. The aim is to reduce identified or reported concerns that negatively impact the daily lives of students and allow students to be able to focus more on their academic goals and pursuits. This will be measured through treatment plans, observations and academic gains made by each student as noted in the attainment of academic milestones that lead them to earning a College credential.

- 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?**

Termination of services

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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- 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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