



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1743

1. **Title of Project:** HANDY's Scholars Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Perry Thurston

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/14/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The purpose of the request is to support ongoing academic services, post-secondary education access, scholarships, and housing for at-risk youth in post-secondary education throughout the state of Florida. The 2018 Florida National Youth in Transition Database Survey revealed that of the 20 percent of youth who reported having no job within the last year, over 70 percent were not employed and 74 percent had never received job or vocational training or been involved with apprenticeships.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	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	250,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		150,000	2198A	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$250,000

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Chief Program Officer salary at 10 percent (\$7,000) + benefits at 20 percent (\$1,400) Director of Programs at 10 percent (\$6,000) + at 20 percent (\$1,200)	15,600
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	1.) 1.5 FTE Scholarship and Education Coordinators - salary \$57,000 (at \$38,000 each x 1.5) + Benefits and Taxes (\$11,400) = \$68,400 2.) 0.5 Housing Coordinator - \$20,000 + Benefits and Taxes \$4,000 = \$24,000	92,400
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	3.) Staff travel to transport scholars to college and conduct visits to monitor progress. a.) Local travel – (2 trips x \$825 per visit x2) = \$1,650 b.) Statewide travel - meals, lodging, transportation: (8 trips x est. \$1,200 per trip for 2 staff members) - \$9,600 4.) Book scholarships, stipends, scholars dorm/apartment, start-up shopping, emergency needs, vocational ed. fees, tech stipend, and care packages for 65 youth = \$142,000.	142,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

HANDY's LIFE Scholars component enables youth to stay in school, understand their educational and employment options, and to learn to make positive life choices. The purpose of the request is to support ongoing academic services, post-secondary education access, and scholarships for at-risk youth attending college throughout the state of Florida. The goal to be achieved by the funds is to provide youth with the emotional, financial, and academic support to successfully complete a post-secondary credential.

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

HANDY provides youth post-secondary education, financial, and personal support and includes:

- Education case management throughout the youth's post-secondary education
- Assessment of eligibility and access to DCF tuition exemptions
- Tuition to attend technical schools/certificate programs
- Scholarships for books/supplies/living stipends
- Assistance in completing all applications
- Emergency assistance for food, rent, utilities, clothing, and healthcare.



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

With preparation being the key factor, a comprehensive Educational LIFE Plan (ELP) is completed with each youth which helps students identify/meet all necessary educational goals set by their individual schools. The high school ELP addresses immediate educational needs, testing information, graduation audit explanation, educational plan for the year that youth will need to complete in order to stay on track to graduate from high school. The college ELP is to assist the youth with registration and understanding youth's degree audit. Through partnership with FLITE (Fort Lauderdale Independence Training and Education) Center, housing will also be provided for youth entering post-secondary education in areas that suit the youth's life and needs.

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

HANDY's youth participants represent a demographic cross-section of the community of economically disadvantaged, abused, neglected, or abandoned inner-city youth, ages 17-23 who are either adjudicated dependent youth, or youth in non-adjudicated relative or non-relative care. The majority of these youth are living with relative/non-relative caregivers who do not receive the support and services available to youth in foster care. Foster care youth who may not qualify for Road to Independence services also participate in the LIFE scholars component. HANDY participants are 86 percent African American/Caribbean, 10 percent Caucasian, and 3 percent Hispanic and 1 percent other. Twenty-eight percent of children currently served by HANDY are in Foster Care and 72 percent are children living with relative/non relative caregivers.

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

The expected outcomes of the project include: 85 percent of youth will remain in school and be promoted to the next grade; 85 percent of youth will decrease risky behavior and avoid law violations; 100 percent of youth will not use alcohol or drugs and will not cause a pregnancy; 95 percent of youth will graduate high school and 100 percent of those graduates will enroll in post-secondary education; and 68 percent of youth will complete post-secondary education (the national completion rate for similar populations is 3 percent). Academic records, background check information, pay stubs/employment verification and self-assessments are collected to measure outcomes and validate data.

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?

Standard contract penalties

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:

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- b. **County:** Broward
- 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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