



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1798

1. Title of Project: Easterseals Florida Life Skills & Employment-Readi

2. Senate Sponsor: Debbie Mayfield

3. Date of Submission: 02/13/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Easterseals Florida Life Skills and Employment-Readiness Program will expand services to include Brevard County and Collier County. The program will provide education and training to individuals with disabilities and special needs. The Program goal is to teach students the skills necessary to live and work independently. The program is anticipated to serve at least 78 students. An annual Individualized Program Plan (IPP) will be developed with each student enrolled. Each students' IPP will establish a minimum of three measurable goals, one in each skill area of life skills, employment-readiness and community skills. With a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) on staff, students will have clearly defined plans that address each students strengths and learning needs using researched-based methodologies. The BCBA will also provide training and support to teachers and support staff, as well as families and potential employers/employees of the students in all environments.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	150,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		50,000	Line 241 of HB 5001	No



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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes
- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 150000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	7% supervision for each program.	8,126
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Teachers, Substitute Teachers, Board Certified Behavior Analyst(43%).	98,093
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Board Certified Behavior Analyst and supervision travel. Teaching/learning supplies, materials and equipment. Transportation expenses for field trips, community engagement, career exploration opportunities, job fairs. Other: Occupancy/rent, utilities, fire safety systems, preventative maintenance, pest control, etc.	43,781
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

11. Program Performance:

- a. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?
- To teach students the skills necessary to live and work independently in all environments of their life - live, learn, work and play.
- b. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?
- Students will acquire new knowledge, skills and confidence necessary for independent living, in areas of LIFE: daily living, literacy, money management, health, safety, nutrition; EMPLOYMENT: pre-employment skills, resume writing, interview skills, career exploration and planning, computer skills; COMMUNITY: job fairs, volunteering for career growth, using public transportation, developing grocery shopping skills, social skills in live settings
- c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?



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Classroom teaching, community discovery and exploration, career path exploration, intern/volunteer on-the-job training opportunities by certified teachers. In addition, behavior services will be provided to students in need.

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

18 years and older with disabilities or special needs. Serving 78 students.

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

Life skills necessary for independent living. Employment-readiness skills necessary for entering or re-entering the workforce. Community skills necessary to increase their integration, inclusion and participation within their communities. Measuring tools include task analysis, work samples, written tests, oral performance, tests, observation, surveys, assessments, role play.

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?

If provider fails to provide skills activities for a minimum of 25 participants monthly, the provider's monthly invoice payment shall be reduced by one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per instance (participant).

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:** Statewide
- 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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