



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1894

1. **Title of Project:** FL High-Risk Youth Educational Research Project

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/18/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Florida High-Risk Youth Educational Research Project encompass the Situational Environmental Circumstances Mentoring Model (SEC). The SEC is a conceptual framework designed to address educational attainment, juvenile delinquency and dependency involvement, cost reductions/avoidance and resource allocations relative to high-risk minority male children. The project will consist of conducting cutting edge research and providing documented mentoring services (exclusively by select college students attending the aforementioned institutions) as well as provisions for training, technical assistance, and monitoring services.

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	980,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	980,000

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)	980,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	980,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2016-17		1,569,000	142	No

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

a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** 800,000



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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	This position will be provide direct day-to-day operation and oversight of the project. Will assist and ensure the project goals and objectives are met by each project site.	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Each Project site will employ at a minimum 1 full-time Site Coordinator and Part-time Assistant to manage the day-to-day project. Each site will also employ 8-10 currently enrolled college students to serve as mentors for the project.	700,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funding resources (approx 12k per sight) will be utilized by each of the ten project sites for equipment, travel, and supplies critical to accomplishing project goals and objectives.	80,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Appropriation funding will be utilized in the administration and fidelity of contracted services as a cost effective alternative to expending limited resources. Services shall include statewide programmatic training, monitoring and technical assistance	140,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		980,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The project seeks to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of dependency, delinquency and educational services through sound research and targeted mentoring services. According to Florida Department of Education data, 3rd grade minority males (Black males in particular) have the lowest scores on standardized reading and math assessment tests among all groups in the state of Florida. Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Florida Department of Corrections data revealed that more than 55% of the budgeted expenses for incarceration in both agencies were expended on minority males.

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

The Project will provided activities and strategies to include non-traditional engagement methods to assist at-risk minority males attending low performing schools with understanding the importance of personal and educational achievement.



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

Mentoring, education support, social skills development, and various ancillary services will be provided to high-risk elementary age minority males attending low performing schools.

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

180 High-Risk minority males attending low performing elementary schools in Pinellas, Miami-Dade, Volusia, Duval, Orange, and Alachua Counties.

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

Projected Outcomes Include: Educational Outcomes • Improved School Grades • Improved School Behavior • Increased School Attendance Delinquency Outcomes Delinquency: Outcomes • Prevent Initial Delinquency Involvement • Reduced Recidivism • Cost Avoidance Dependency Outcomes: • Increased Positive Youth Exposure Opportunities • Improved Ability to Cope with Family Conflict • Increased Preparation & Planning for Those Youth Aging Out of the Dependency System

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?

Graduated/prorated contract reduction amount based on factors directly related to provider deliverables and performance. Further, If the project does not meet the expected outcomes, subsequent funding will not be requested or provided

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:

- a. **Organization:** Eckerd College
- 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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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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