



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1962

- Title of Project:** The Family Cafe
- Senate Sponsor:** Aaron Bean
- Date of Submission:** 02/23/2019
- Project/Program Description:**

The Annual Family Cafe is the largest statewide cross-disability event in the nation. For 21 years, it has brought together Floridians with disabilities and their families for three days of information, training, and networking. This unique event allows attendees, who represent all ages and all types of disabilities, to come together to find resources that are relevant to them and identify strategies to thrive in the community. It routinely attracts more than 10,000 attendees, and provides a platform for state agencies and policy makers to connect with the citizens they serve. This specific project will support The 22nd Annual Family Cafe in June 2020. It also includes a component to support the development of local family organizations, so people with disabilities and family members can access the connections, resources, and natural supports that The Annual Family Cafe offers on a local level throughout the year.

- State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

- 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)	500,000	50.0%
Federal	150,000	15.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	350,000	35.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,000,000	100.0%

- Has this project previously received state funding? Yes**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19	350,000	150,000	112	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 500,000

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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Direct costs related to hosting The 22nd Annual Family Cafe, implementing Family-Run Organization Movement training and process facilitation, and hosting the Florida Youth Council's Annual Youth Summit. Expenses include printing, mailing, keynote speakers, A/V, signage, travel, exhibit hall services, video recording, stage set up, facilitation, and attendee scholarships.	500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Funds will allow The Family Café to connect Floridians with disabilities and their families with information, resources, and networking opportunities, both through The Annual Family Café event, and on a regular basis throughout the year. The Annual Family Café serves as a clearinghouse of information, providing a unique environment, where families connect with peers, commercial service providers, and public entities to find out what services are available to them, which best serve their needs, and how to go about securing those services. Funding will also allow for the growth and development of local family organizations through a Family-Run Organization Movement project to replicate the organization's statewide success on the local level year round. Finally, the project includes resources designed to inspire the next generation of disability leaders through its Florida Youth Council program.

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

The primary activity that will be funded through this request is The 22nd Annual Family Café. This three-day event will include approximately 200 breakout sessions; a series of keynote events; The Annual Governor's Summit on Disabilities, where attendees can interact with the Governor and the State Agencies that serve



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them; and an Exhibit Hall, with a range of providers, partner organizations and private vendors on hand to showcase their services and products for individuals with disabilities. Funding also allows for a Family-Run Organization Movement project to develop local family-run organizations. This activity will bolster local family-run organizations to create a network of resources and advocacy. Other activities will include information and referral, provision of news and information via project website and social media channels, publication of an annual resource guide, and youth leadership promotion through The Florida Youth Council program and its Annual Youth Summit.

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

The bulk of the direct service provided by The Family Café comes in the form of training at The Annual Family Café. For example, The 20th Anniversary Family Café consisted of 25.5 hours of total training/information/instruction time, with 17.75 hours of that being direct training. It served 11,840 attendees. Similarly, the Florida Youth Council's Annual Youth Summit offers direct service by providing 7 hours of training to youth with disabilities. The Family Café also provides the service of information dissemination through its website, mass email list, and social media channels. The Family Café also publishes an annual resource guide called the Questions & Answers Book, which compiles State Agency responses to questions and comments from Annual Family Café attendees into a single publication that is released each fall. Support of local family-run organizations and facilitation of their development will also be a direct service.

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

The Family Café primarily serves K-12 students with disabilities or special health care needs and their families. It is also open to other Floridians with disabilities, including transition-age youth.

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

The Family Café makes individuals with disabilities better equipped to flourish in the community. The Family Café collects data regarding the level of satisfaction with The Annual Family Café through a survey document known as the "Report Card." It offers respondents a means to provide both objective and subjective feedback about the event. By averaging the responses to these prompts, The Family Café is able to gain insight into overall satisfaction with the event, its location, its organization, and breakout session content. In addition to these grades, the survey document also includes a number of prompts that allow respondents to share their thoughts on how The Family Café impacts their ability to live productive, engaged lives in the community. Information obtained from responses to these prompts is highly valuable, as it guides The Family Café Planning Committee in determining what sessions to include and what subject areas to address in the coming year.

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?

The Family Cafe has a long-standing working relationship with the Florida Department of Education, and possesses a strong understanding of the expectations related to project performance and deliverables. The Family Cafe is prepared to meet DOE's expectations, to adjust implementation plans, and provide all necessary information and documentation to demonstrate a good faith effort to meet department requirements.

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.



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Family Cafe
- 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)
- d. **Contact Name:** Lori Fahey
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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