



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1972

1. Title of Project: Teacher's Law Symposium

2. Senate Sponsor: Dennis Baxley

3. Date of Submission: 02/21/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Chester-Bedell Memorial Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 organization, in conjunction with the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar, conducts an annual Teacher's Law Symposium. Civics, social studies and government teachers in middle and high school, are invited to attend a two day session which judges, lawyers, and elected officials provide instruction for use in the classroom. In addition to several presentations on civics issues, teachers have the opportunity to witness a mock trial with a judge, jury and lawyers examining witnesses and making argument-just like a real courtroom. The Foundation and the Section have conducted this program for approximately 10 years and have educated nearly 1,000 teachers. Teachers attend from throughout the state, and most recently, in January of this year, more than 150 educators attended the two-day session. The Foundation pays for the teacher's hotel, travel (for local teachers), food and for their substitute teacher.

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	50,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	50,000

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)	50,000	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	50,000	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? Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$50,000.

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	The costs are for teacher hotel rooms, travel expenses to the site of the Teachers Law Symposium, food for the two day session, and the cost of paying for a substitute teacher.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		50,000

11. Program Performance:

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

From the beginning of this project, hundreds of teachers have learned about the Third Branch of Government, how the judicial branch operates, and the role of judges and lawyers in the system. Teachers are treated in a highly professional manner, and leave the Symposium with a considerable amount of information to teach and inspire their students on matters of civics.

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

During the 2019 Teacher Symposium, we had speakers discussing the role of the Supreme Court in our constitutional democracy, they held a mock trial, discussed analyzing the First Amendment and school issues. They also had an overview of the State and Federal Court Systems: Discussion of the Judicial Role, Judicial Discipline and Lobbying: The Art of Persuasion, They discussed Trial by Jury, Historical Perspectives and Modern Realities, and Anatomy of a Criminal Case, Including Juvenile Matters and the Fifth Amendment. From the beginning of this project, similar topics to assist in the instruction of civics have been offered by a variety of speakers.

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

These services are provided to middle and high school teachers in Florida. The number of teachers has risen from approximately 25 per year, to now over 150 teachers per year. The teachers who attend instruct in social



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studies, civics and government. Teachers from 22 counties attended this year, but we believe teachers have attended from nearly all 67 counties over the past 10 years.

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

Again, middle and high school teachers in Florida that instruct in social studies, civics and government. We expect that the number of teachers who attend will continue to increase. We work with the Florida Council of The Social Studies to attract teachers to attend the two-day session. We also work with teachers involved in the Civics End-of Course (EOC) assessment.

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

Teachers who have attended these sessions have been surveyed and have consistently and positively commented about the impact these sessions have had on their base of knowledge to provide instruction to their students. With the number of students who seem to know little about their own government, providing up to date information to their teachers can only help. We expect to continue to use teacher surveys to measure the outcome of this project.

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?

Not receiving funds in subsequent years.

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 The Chester Bedell Memorial Foundation is a service entity, and will not require capital outlay funding.

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- 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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