



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1992

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1. **Title of Project:** Linking Educational Assets for Readiness Now LEARN
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Travis Hutson
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/12/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature has partnered with the Early Learning Community Task Force (ELCTF) of Manatee County to create a new, county-wide initiative designed to maximize the impact of Manatee County’s educational resources for early learners. The goal initiative is to integrate the museum’s Mosaic Backyard Universe (MBU), a new educational resource in the community, into the county’s network of early learning resources, enhancing the ELCTF’s efforts to coordinate and deliver an integrated continuum of educational programs for the county’s underserved Prekindergarten students and their families. This initiative will enable the community to create continuity between existing programs, maximize investments in new program development, eliminate program overlap, and create economies of scale. It will also create a partnership structure that will enable future integration of new and existing community early learning initiatives.

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	347,110
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	347,110

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)	347,110	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	347,110	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?** No



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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	Curriculum Coordinator overseeing and coordinating all program activities	55,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative assistant/bookkeeping handling all internal administrative aspects of the program	10,110
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Program Assistant to assist in planning and implementation of programs	27,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Space Usage and admissions reimbursement (South Florida Museum); program materials, busing/transportation; professional/parental development workshop takeaways; educator stipends; food	232,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	School District Manatee County and ELC consultants for professional and parental development workshops	22,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		347,110

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal of the initiative is to integrate the museum’s Mosaic Backyard Universe, a new educational resource in the community, into the county’s network of early learning resources, enhancing the Early Learning Community Task Force’s efforts to coordinate and deliver an integrated continuum of educational programs for the county’s underserved Prekindergarten students and their families. This initiative will enable the community to create continuity between existing programs, maximize investments in new program development, eliminate program overlap, and create economies of scale. It will also create a partnership structure that will enable future integration of new and existing community early learning initiatives.

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

SDMC and the museum to collaborate on Soar in 4 programming, expanding the program to serve nine Title 1 schools and private VPK providers in those schools’ communities in 2018, offering monthly programs throughout the calendar year in addition to existing summer programs. The museum to provide free transportation, no-fee field trips and family access to the Mosaic Backyard Universe for all Title 1 PreKindergarten-2nd grade students in Manatee County and all children enrolled with private providers who live in neighborhoods of poverty, as designated by the current Title I school zones. ELC, SDMC, and the



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museum to provide educator and parental workshops for Title 1 PreK-2 and underserved private VPK providers SDMC and the museum to continue hosting the Ballard Elementary Satellite VPK classroom at the museum The museum to hire one full-time staff person and one part-time staff person to coordinate efforts between the partners and facilitate partner programs.

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

Student, Family, and Educator access to coordinated, community and School District based early learning resources.

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

Underserved and Title 1 PK-2 students, their families and their educators. We expect to serve over 17,000 low income children and families in this first year of service.

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

We expect to see the percentage of underserved/Title 1 students performing at grade level by grade3 increase annually. It will take four years to see the results of the program and measure overall effectiveness. The ELC/SDMC's new "Universal Identifier" for each child in the county will enable us to evaluate the number of programs each child participates in, as well as their academic achievement.

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?

Withheld Funds

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.

Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, Inc.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Brynne Anne Besio
- b. **Organization:** Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, Inc.
- c. **E-mail Address:** bbesio@southfloridamuseum.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (941)216-3464

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, Inc.
- b. **County:** Manatee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College



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Other (Please specify)

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Note - Revised April 29th, 2019 to reflect the name change of the recipient organization from the "South Florida Museum and Bishop Planetarium, Inc." to the "Bishop Museum of Science and Nature, Inc."