



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1994

1. Title of Project: Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/18/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

There will be a two tiered scholarship program in partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University and Florida Southwestern State College. The scholarships will be provided to seniors graduating from the Lee County School District's teaching academies. In addition, scholarships will be offered to University and College juniors and seniors enrolled in non-education majors willing to switch to the colleges of education to complete their teaching degree and commit to employment with the School District of Lee County upon graduation. Scholarships will be offered in "hard to staff" fields such as STEM and ESE.

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	356,832
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	356,832

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)	356,832	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	356,832	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		100,000	110	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits	Scholarships	356,832
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		356,832

11. Program Performance:

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

Increase pool of teachers in hard to fill positions; stable teaching and learning environments in low income communities; align teaching population with student demographics; increase new teacher salaries; strengthen early outreach to potential hires; streamline the hiring process and provide financial incentives to teachers working in the areas of highest needs.

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

Scholarships

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

Prospective teachers (citizens) will be provided scholarships and assistance through the District and the post-secondary institutions to achieve their goal of becoming successful teachers in the District.

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

Teachers and prospective teachers.

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

The pool of eligible teachers will be increased to fill hard to staff positions. Statistical data for recruitment and retention of new teachers, including those provided scholarships through the program will be collected and analyzed. Evaluation data of those teachers provided scholarships. Comparative student data between teachers in the program and those not in the program.

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?

None.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the



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relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** School District of Lee County
- b. **County:** Lee
- 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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