



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2184

1. Title of Project: Lastinger Center - Developmentally Appropriate Emergency Response Training

2. Senate Sponsor: David Simmons

3. Date of Submission: 02/18/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Research indicates that there is a lack of developmentally appropriate, research-based trainings on emergency response strategies available to Florida schools. The University of Florida Lastinger Center plans to develop and widely share developmentally appropriate prevention and protection strategies for specific emergency scenarios that address the school safety crisis by seeking expertise from law enforcement, emergency response teams, child and school psychologists, teachers, and school community members.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2000000

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary plus benefits for project manager to oversee all aspects of research, design, delivery, and evaluation of online training modules focused on developmentally appropriate emergency response strategies for teachers, administrators, and students.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salary and benefits for: 0.25 FTE administrative specialist to coordinate travel and meetings with various stakeholders and consultants and 0.25 business services manager to execute and manage various contracts with consultants and contractors.	50,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for additional personnel include three instructional designer (1.0 FTE) who will author content for online modules and 0.5 FTE of production manager to edit content and work with production company and 0.20 FTE of content development manager to oversee content authoring, editing, production, and post-production. Salaries and benefits also included for evaluation team to study implementation methods.	700,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel expenses for stakeholder meetings, including preliminary research and design meetings, progress meetings, and implementation meetings with external stakeholders.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants for the research and design of the online training modules will include researchers, teachers, school and child psychologists, law enforcement, emergency response teams, and other school community members. In addition, consultants on trauma informed care practices will also be contracted to provide close guidance on the development of all module content. A production company will be contracted with to produce all content into interactive online modules.	1,150,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Within the significant priority of school safety, the Florida legislature engaged the University of Florida Lastinger Center to conduct analysis of current practices regarding trauma informed care training available in the State of



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Florida and make recommendations on preventative measures. While schools have identified numerous resources for increasing the safety of physical premises, there is clear need for educational resources designed to foster safe learning environments through developmentally appropriate emergency responsive training practices. The UF Lastinger Center has identified the need to research, develop and widely share developmentally appropriate prevention and protection techniques for all emergency scenarios to address safety in schools. These strategies will be delivered to teachers and administrators through engaging and interactive online training modules. Once trained, these educators will be able to prepare their students to appropriately respond in crises.

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

The UF Lastinger Center will build and share online modules that offer appropriate training on effective emergency response strategies and techniques to Florida's educators and students.

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

Teachers will receive high-quality, research-based preparedness trainings for crisis situations with developmentally appropriate content for their students. Educators will receive training to prepare students for an emergency situation in a developmentally appropriate manner. School administrators and staff will learn about trauma informed techniques and implementation strategies to prevent and de-escalate potential violent situations. Parents will receive tool kits to support conversations and shared messaging at home.

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

The target population is Florida's estimated nearly 3,000,000 K-12 students and teachers. The online modules would be available to all schools within Florida to train teachers and children on how to appropriately respond and react during emergency scenarios.

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

Improved school climates
Improved relationships between schools and community
Improved responses to crisis scenarios, protecting students and staff

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?

Liquidated damages.

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

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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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