



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1613

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The goal of this program is to enhance the fitness, motor development, and social skills of over 250 children with autism through their participation in 8 existing ACEing Autism adaptive tennis programs located in Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, Collier, Martin and Okaloosa counties, two new school locations in South Florida. This project will also provide leadership training and coaching opportunities for over 200 youth volunteers without autism, who will be paired one-on-one with their peers with autism during tennis clinics. Each of the 8 locations will host two, six week tennis sessions. These six week sessions consist of weekly hourly tennis programs, typically held on the weekend. During each session, each child with autism will be matched with one or two trained volunteers who will assist them during each clinic.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	25,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="50"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	50,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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		[]
Other Salary and Benefits		[]
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		[]
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		[]
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	A portion of the Director of Operations and Programs, Program Coordinator, and Office Manager's time will be required to assist with recruiting volunteers, background checks of volunteers, coordinating program operations, and communications with program participants.	11,748
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment such as tennis rackets, balls, mini nets, t-stands, lines, visual aids, program director manuals, and court rental fees are required for these programs to operate.	10,012
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Two part-time BCBA certified therapists will provide autism behavioral related training, support, and resources to these programs.	3,240
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		[]
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		25,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The goal of this program is to enhance the fitness, motor development, and social skills of over 250 children with autism through their participation in 8 existing ACEing Autism adaptive tennis programs located in Miami-Dade, Broward, Orange, Collier, Martin and Okaloosa counties, two new school locations in South Florida.

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

This project will also provide leadership training and coaching opportunities for over 200 youth volunteers without autism, who will be paired one-on-one with their peers with autism during tennis clinics.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Each of the 8 locations will host two, six week tennis sessions. These six week sessions consist of weekly hourly tennis programs, typically held on the weekend. During each session, each child with autism will be matched with one or two trained volunteers who will assist them during each clinic.

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

Persons with poor physical health, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, grade school students, high school students and university/college students.

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

The program is autism-centered: tennis curriculum is tailored specifically to the ASD population, emphasizing functional communication and visual supports, and includes a detailed skills curriculum created by experts in the fields of tennis and autism. Clinics are structured so that children from a diverse range of abilities can be accommodated and benefit from our program. Each child receives customized support from a trained volunteer during each clinic based on his or her unique needs. Annual surveys indicate the following: 95% of parents indicate seeing their child make gains in one or more of the following areas: motor skills, fitness, tennis ability, social skills, and overall confidence.

- 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?

De-obligation of funding.



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

N/A

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.