



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1849

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Department of Justice states, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is welded to reading failure." According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, 2/3 of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Entering the College Zone is a program designed for students in preschool to grade 12 (and their parents or guardians) who might not otherwise know or believe that college can be in their future. The program communicates that early and sustained preparation is the key to attending and succeeding in college. Our initiative's promotion of reading engagement act as a medium that can deter youth from partaking in the violent crimes within their communities and reassure them that they have the ability to rise above the negative impacts their cities have had on them.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	150,000	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	This portion of the budget will cover salary and benefits for staff member administering the program. These costs will include Program Administrator, two Community Organizers to lead workshops and administer pre and post-tests.	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	These program expenses and equipment include utilities, repairs, cleanup, supplies, materials, equipment and travel costs that will be critical to accomplishing essential service delivery.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The contractual services will include presenters, and program instructors.	25,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Funding is being requested to support early intervention programs for children ages 4-10 and college preparedness for youth in grades 9th -12th in Miami Dade Targeted Urban Areas (TUA) identified with having high unemployment, low median household, poverty, and crime. Early intervention is essential to preventing and deterring negative behavior and potential for crime.

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

Early intervention is essential to preventing and deterring negative behavior and any potential for criminal activity. Our low-income, at-risk community is seeking support that will create a positive impact on students. Support is needed for this community outreach for crime prevention and anti-bullying. Tutoring, physical education, cultural enrichment, field trips, nutrition, etc.

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

The program will provide daily activities through credentialed and courteous staff services, social interaction, involved fathers reading to children, a college preparedness fair and symposium, and wraparound community services.

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

Our target population will be youth between the ages of 4-17 years old and their parents residing in identified vulnerable communities of Miami Gardens, West Coconut Grove, Homestead, Goulds, Perrine, Florida City, and Naranja. We anticipate serving 101 - 200 youth (boys and girls).

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

The expected benefit is an increase in community advocacy (Create a Community Educational Partnership) (Indicator = Connecting families to services and supports in the community), an increase in the number of families and students attending the college symposium, an improved safe environment for students to participate in holistic activities that will enhance their capacity to learn and become good citizens. This will be measured by the number of families connected to services, attendance records, parents' feedback, pre-and post-tests, parent surveys, and attendance records.

**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 the contract?**

The contract agreement will have standard language for timely deliverables and performance measures.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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)



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- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**