



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1796

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

This requested funding will be utilized to expand K-12 Red Ribbon Certified Schools in Miami Dade County. This nationally recognized evidence-based program currently provides year-round hands-on substance abuse prevention education and will be expanded by 20 additional schools. The program provides prevention initiatives to engage students, parents, teachers and school administrators on creating healthy behavioral change. The annual campaigns include Family Day, the Red Ribbon Campaign, Lock Your Meds prescription drug prevention, and Safe Homes Safe Parties.

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	498,950
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	498,950

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)	498,950	83%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	100,000	17%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	598,950	100%

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

Informed Families received \$175.4K total in PPP funds in 2020 and 2021 to retain employees and continue operations.

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)?

No

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	7% for overhead, facilities, phones, utilities etc.	40,950
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	1.5 FTE Program Manager for Program delivery Part Time Marketing Manager	95,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program expenses estimate for new schools - Certification process mentoring and training, year-round education and awareness materials.	288,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Annual evaluations will be conducted by Florida International University and University of Central Florida	75,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		498,950

14. Program Performance

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



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The expansion of Red Ribbon Certified Schools will provide comprehensive year-round substance and opioid abuse prevention education, parent training, and school-based prevention activities. The goals of the program include improving school climate, enhancing protection factors and preventing opioid and substance abuse prevention by students as determined by quantified measurements. Measurements of achievement will be provided through evaluations conducted by University of Central Florida and Florida Atlantic University.

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

The program provides year-round hands-on prevention campaigns to engage students, parents, teachers and school personnel in creating healthy behaviors as measured by evaluations by University of Central Florida and Florida Atlantic University. Evidence based materials, information, education programs, recognitions, parent trainings and ongoing support are provided to each school through school mentors.

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

Direct hands-on services are provided to each school on an ongoing basis. Services impact students, teachers, parents and school personnel in 20 schools in Miami Dade County. Three areas of program impact include 1) ongoing monitors to support individual schools, including materials and educational information (2) events and initiatives highlighting the dangers of substance misuse (3) evidence based educational workshops for parents and students.

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

The target population are the students, teachers, parents and school personnel in an additional 20 Dade County schools k-12, more than 10,000 individuals.

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

Red Ribbon Certified Schools programs improve engagement, safety and the environment within the schools. Students gain knowledge regarding the danger of opioid and other substance abuse. The University of Central Florida and Florida International University will provide evaluations of the program utilizing recognized standards of measurement for student and school improvement.

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?

Cancellation of the contract.

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