



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Exploration of Culture and Humanities Options (ECHO)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Randolph Bracy

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/19/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

ECHO provides a heritage and humanities instruction program for Orlando's inner city students and will educate youth regarding individuals from their community who were instrumental in the development of Central Florida.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of State

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
300,000	50,000	350,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 350,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

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

\$400,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The ECHO program will serve a minimum of 200 youth during the summer of 2017 and after school hours during the academic year. The ECHO Program will combat negative stereotypes regarding inner city residents and motivate youth to achieve. ECHO participants will develop high self-esteem, be motivated to do well in school, and connect with caring adult role models through three hour weekly sessions

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

Youth will receive instruction on an important historic district in their community and expand their knowledge regarding the achievements of individuals from backgrounds similar to theirs who made tremendous contributions to society. PAST, Inc., will provide heritage education to ECHO Programs participants through one-on-one and computer assisted instruction as well as visits to historically significant sites. ECHO staff will schedule monthly presentations by community professionals who grew up in the inner city and can serve as role models for the youth. Professionals involved in the ECHO Program will share information with students regarding career opportunities in various fields including the Humanities.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program Director salary and benefits	70,000



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<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Staff, Instructors, Supervisors, Administrators	100,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, marketing and promotional materials, texts and supplies will be funded.	100,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services will be engaged to develop and deliver appropriate curricula.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Structural changes, repairs and maintenance will be funded as needed for the facility	50,000
TOTAL		350,000

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

The ECHO Program will increase the verbal communication, writing, and computer skills of participants. Activities will involve teamwork and promote collaborative effort to achieve a common purpose. ECHO participants will serve as community ambassadors.

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

The target population includes students in the central Orlando area in middle and high school.

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

Through interaction with community role models, participants will set life and professional goals, survey career opportunities, and research occupational requirements. The ECHO Program will serve to prevent drug and gang activity and juvenile crime.

g. 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?

A claw back of funds should be considered for failure to meet deliverable or performance measures.



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- 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.**

PAST Incorporated governed by a board of directors

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Geraldine F. Thompson
- b. **Organization:** The Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition Incorporated
- c. **Email:** PASTinc@outlook.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)245-7535

- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** The Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition Incorporated
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Elizabeth R. Thompson
- e. **E-mail Address:** PASTinc@outlook.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (407)245-7535

- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**