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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** American International Relief Inc.

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Daphne Campbell

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/24/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Jason and Elisha Merilus Youth Academy, a program designed to help children with their homework after school and keep them secured from any form of delinquency. With the help of Barry University students, JEM Youth Academy monitors the students' schooling activities and progress reports, and helps to further increase their academic progress. Aside from tutoring, we provide them with food and take them on field trips. The tutoring hours are from 3:30pm to 7:00pm.

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 Education

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
89,000		89,000

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):** 89,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

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
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

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

Yes

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

\$89,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Our goal prior to receiving the funds will be to further enhance our after-school program so that we can better assist students with all of their academic needs and help them achieve highest grades in school.

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

We plan to meet our intended goal by first hiring a tutor to work with the students full-time to assist them with their homework and help them do better in their classes. The tutor will visit the schools and meet the teachers to discuss their strengths and weaknesses and have a conference with the parents to discuss the students' academic progress. The tutor will also do a monthly evaluation to measure the students' progression. The students will also have access to computers, printers, and other forms of technology so they can complete any project-related homework. Reading textbooks at their grade level will be used to help them increase their knowledge to further assist them in each subject.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	C.E.O (Camille Merilus)	30,000



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Program Manager	24,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, Network	14,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Operation Supervisor	16,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, Computers, Printers Desks, Textbooks	5,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		89,000

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

We plan to serve families in North Miami, Little Haiti, Opa-Locka, Miami Gardens, North Miami Beach, etc. We tutor an average of 15 students. Our projected goal is to tutor 25 students at our after-school program.

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

Through our program, the students will better perform in school so that eventually will graduate with the highest grades

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

The plan for this program to send more kids to college

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?

None

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.

President

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Camille Merilus

b. Organization: American International Relief, Inc.



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- c. Email: merilusfoundation@yahoo.com
- d. Phone Number: (786)332-2414

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization: American International Relief, Inc.
- b. County: Miami-Dade
- 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: Camille Merilus
- e. E-mail Address: merilusfoundation@yahoo.com
- f. Phone Number: (786)332-2414

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

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