



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project Inc

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/26/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc. provide free legal services and representation to the poor & vulnerable including: children that have been abused, abandoned and neglected; the elderly; victims of domestic violence and human trafficking; and veterans

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? State Court System

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
250,000		250,000

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	157,000	23.9%
Other	250,000	38.1%
TOTAL	407,000	62.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 657,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 4

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. 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:		100,000	100,000

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

Yes

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

\$250,000

### 11. Program Performance:

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

Funds requested will be spent on providing free legal representation and services to the poor in order to assure that they are afforded due process of law and granted access to our courts. We assist all indigent individuals and families regardless of race, creed, color, gender or national origin. The goal is to empower the most vulnerable members of our community, through legal services, so that they can become contributing members of our great state.

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

Individuals served will receive free legal services. CABA will provide free legal services to at least 600 individuals for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Individuals served will fill out satisfaction surveys to report on the specific benefit that they gained through the legal services provided.

#### c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director is in charge of supervising all of the legal work provided through the office, including the organization and execution of all legal service clinics. Director	35,000



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	is also in charge of mentoring and recruiting pro bono attorneys and supervising the administration of the office.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Office Manager is responsible for performing the day to day administrative functions of the office including but not limited to accounting, record keeping, maintenance of the files and tracking of all cases on our legal server case management system.	20,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants include a subcontracted CFO to manage the organizations accounting and a marketing company	20,000
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Staff Attorneys and Paralegals are responsible for the delivery of services. Staff Attorneys and paralegals are responsible for providing clients with free legal services necessary including legal counsel/advice, brief services & court representation.	160,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This amount covers office supplies (Paper, Pens, files etc.); parking when attending court hearings; mileage when traveling to meet clients; interpreters; court reporters and filing fees.	15,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		



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Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		250,000

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

Free civil legal representation and services in court

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

Target Population includes: abused/abandoned & neglected children; the poor; victims of crimes; the elderly and veterans. We expect to provide free legal services to over 600 individuals

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

Individuals served will receive free legal services. CABA will provide free legal services to at least 600 individuals for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Individuals served will fill out satisfaction surveys to report on the specific benefit that they gained through the legal services provided. All Legal services provided, including Court Representation, will be documented in our Legal ServerCase Management system. Additionally, files will be kept documenting the services provided and outcome achieved.

**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. Contract already provides for penalties.

**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.**

NONE

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Lesley Mendoza
- b. **Organization:** Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc.
- c. **Email:** lesley@cabaprobono.com
- d. **Phone Number:** (305)458-2003

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc.
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (Please specify)

**d. Contact Name:** Lesley Mendoza

**e. E-mail Address:** lesley@cabaprobono.com

**f. Phone Number:** (305)458-2003

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

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**b. Firm:** Floridian Partners LLC

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