



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1643

1. **Title of Project:** Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Associ
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Darryl Rouson
3. **Date of Submission:** 01/28/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**  
Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association Fellowship Program
5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General  
State Agency Contacted? No
6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

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

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes
  - a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** \$150,000

10. **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		
Other Salary and Benefits		



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries for two attorneys and one program assistant.	105,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, training, travel and fees.	39,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	cost for malpractice insurance and related fees to be included under FAMU's malpractice policy	6,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The project seeks to promote volunteer legal services to indigent and homeless Central Florida residents and provide legal representation to assist traditionally underserved clients in matters related to family law, housing, domestic violence and other legal issues.

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

Provide legal representation and access to justice to those who are indigent and/or homeless.

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

Legal representation to indigent and/or homeless individuals on family law, housing, domestic violence and other legal issues.

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

Indigent and homeless individual and families in Central Florida

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

Provide access to justice to be measured by the number of clients and legal services provided through the program.

**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 in the contract?**

Reducing funding in the future as an alternative

**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.**

n/a

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. Organization:** Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter National Bar Association
- b. County:** Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Volusia
- c. Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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