



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1837

1. Title of Project: Public Safety & Community Engagement Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Bethune-Cookman University Center for Law and Social Justice (CLSJ) will provide statewide cutting-edge and innovative community engagement strategies to law enforcement professionals and community residents/stakeholders through this Initiative. The CLSJ's faculty and associates have and will continue to work in partnership with the Florida Sheriffs' Association (FSA), Florida Police Chiefs' Association (FPCA), FL Dept. of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Central Florida Urban League, and various Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) to achieve the objectives of the Initiative. The Center has extensive experience in providing law enforcement training, minority recruitment, and engaging communities of color in an effort to enhance police-community relations and increase public safety. The Initiative will allow for grants to law enforcement agencies and communities throughout Florida to receive community engagement, implicit bias, procedural justice and other related training services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	525,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	525,000

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)	525,000	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	525,000	100.0%

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$500,000.00

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Appropriation funding will provide funding for a Project Director to direct, facilitate, and coordinate the delivery of services as outlined by the Law Enforcement & Community Partnership Initiative. Coordinate and partner with the Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, and Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida Urban League Affiliates, and Florida Faith-Based Organizations to identify appropriate law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders.	95,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Appropriation funding will provide indirect administrative cost and support for the Initiative at a cost not to exceed 10% of the total Initiative budget.	50,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Appropriation funding will provide funding for 3 positions to support the coordination, facilitation, and implementation of the Initiative.	190,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Appropriation funding will provide project supplies, equipment, travel, and related expenses in support of the Initiative.	40,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Appropriation funding will provide funding for (8 -15) Faculty Fellows to support the training and community engagement services offered under the Initiative. Faculty Fellows will have documented expertise in the areas of law enforcement management and community policing and engagement.	150,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		525,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The overall goal of the Initiative is to increase public safety by improving the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The purpose of the Initiative is to provide statewide cutting-edge and innovative community engagement strategies to law enforcement professionals and community residents/stakeholders. Bethune-Cookman University faculty and law enforcement Fellows will work in



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partnership with the Florida Sheriffs Association (FSA), Florida Police Chiefs Association (FPCA), FDLE, FL Urban League Affiliates, and Faith-Based Organizations to achieve this purpose.

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

State and nationally recognized law enforcement and community engagement training and strategies will be provided to law enforcement professionals and community stakeholders throughout Florida to strengthen their relationship and ensure Florida remains a safe place to live and visit. Individualized Actions Plans will be developed to serve as a road map for each community served by the Initiative.

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

In addition to providing nationally recognized community policing and engagement training to law enforcement professionals, another critical component of the Initiative involves providing community residents and stakeholders across Florida strategies to enhance their relationship and understanding of law enforcement. Community stakeholders and residents will be provided training on their roles and responsibilities in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community through the use of a variety of interactive situational scenarios. These activities are designed to provide community stakeholders insight and context to the actions and decisions of law enforcement professionals. Participants will be introduced to various strategies to increase the safety and security of their community and simultaneously build positive relationships with local law enforcement.

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

The target population for this Initiative will be law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders throughout Florida. It is anticipated that approximately 400 law enforcement professionals and 300 community stakeholders will be served by this initiative.

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

The expected outcome of this Initiative is improved law enforcement and community relations and increased public safety, in general and within disadvantaged and high-crime areas in particular. Pre- and Post-Initiative surveys will be developed and administered to law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders who receive services through the proposed Initiative to assess participant satisfaction. In addition, pre- and post-Initiative crime statistics within the defined communities served by the Initiative may be examined to assess the effectiveness of the project.

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?

If upon review of project participants' (law enforcement professionals and community stakeholders) survey responses and related outcomes it is found that there is not a positive return on the investment of Florida tax payers, funding support for the initiative will cease and no other Initiative funding will be requested.

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



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 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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