



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1893

1. Title of Project: I'm A Star Foundation Empowering Overage Students

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/15/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The I'm A Star Foundation will provide critical assistance to overage students (retained 2 or more times) with a focus on homeless students. Participants will receive the following services: Test prep to pass the FSA (Florida Standard Assessments) test; Mandatory financial literacy sessions; Training for trade certifications; and test prep for entry into community college and/or the military. The I'm A Star Foundation has a proven 7-year track record of providing effective wraparound services and empowering overage and homeless students to achieve academic success. The overarching goal is for 75% of participants to pass the FSA.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	300,000	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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 300000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Manager salary/benefits	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Student Success Coaches	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Student instruction, training materials, supplies, equipment, rent (33% of total rental space); student travel to area community colleges and trade schools; practice tests and test fees	125,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Test prep contract services, trade certification training contractors, financial literacy contractors communications	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

11. Program Performance:

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

At least 75% of overage and homeless student participants will pass the state FCA exam, graduate high school and enter the military, trade school or community college.

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

Partnership with community colleges, trade schools and military recruitment centers to provide targeted services to participants. College, trade schools and military base tours. Test prep, financial literacy and life-skills training

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

Intensive training to help students pass the state's FSA exam; Mandatory financial literacy and life skill classes; Test prep sessions for ASVAB (to enter the military), ACT (for community college entry, and entry in trade schools.

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

Overage students: 17 years or older and in 9th grade; homeless students at-risk for dropping out of school.
Number of participants expected to be served: 100

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



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75% of participants will pass the state's FSA exam. Outcome will be measured using the FLDOE's database

- 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?**

Repayment of funds

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.**

No relationship

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** I'm A Star Foundation, Inc.
- b. **County:** Duval
- 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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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
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