



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1920

**1. Title of Project:** DREAM Academy & STEM Saturdays

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Oscar Braynon

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/13/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

DREAM’S programming focuses on sparking life-long interest in STEM in youth of color in grades K-8 (six to thirteen years old). DREAM’S flagship program, DREAM Academy, is a blended, STEM and sports-based afterschool youth development program with a culturally competent curriculum that provides homework assistance, develops positive behaviors, and drives improved student outcomes in reading, writing, math, science, health, and art. STEM Saturdays transforms community centers into “Incubators of Excellence” by engaging youth ages 7-16 through STEM activities on the weekends at no cost to participants and their families.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	540,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>540,000</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)	540,000	51.92%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local	200,000	19.23%
Other	300,000	28.85%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,040,000</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. 540,000



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#### 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	Oversee, manage and continue to development opportunities for DREAM to engage youth though our program services.	10,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Director of Operations; Oversees all operation related to Dibia DREAM. Director of Programming; Oversees all programming needs for Dibia DREAM. STEM Lead Coordinator; manages all STEM related activities for Dibia DREAM. Program Coordinator; assist Director of Programming in managing all programmatic needs.	94,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptops, printer, office supplies, filing cabinet, travel expenses for all staff, office equipment, STEM curriculum, all supplies and expenses related to ensuring that we run all sites at the optimal level.	37,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Youth Sports Coordinators salaries, mentorship/socio-emotional consultants, STEM professional consultants, accountant, graphic designer, P/R consultant, marketing and community outreach consultant.	24,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Enhancement Coordinators; certified teachers who work with our youth after school and on the weekends Teaching Fellows; assist our enhancement coordinators with our programs Site Coordinators; Staff who oversees the after-school program sites and Saturday enrichment locations STEM Coordinators; STEM specialist who work with our youth after school and on the weekends.	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	STEM kits, financial literacy workbooks, socio-emotional curriculum, sports equipment. health & wellness equipment, mentorship manuals and books, book bags, student supplies, and additional STEM supplies. Mileage for employees and other office supplies.	225,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Character development consultants, Sports curriculum consultants, financial literacy consultants, and non-profit consultant.	25,000
<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>540,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:



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

The funds requested will be used to expand our current work with youth through STEM engagement with DREAM Academy (after-school program) and STEM Saturdays (weekend STEM Enrichment) in Miami-Dade and Orange County. Dibia DREAMS programming focuses on sparking life-long interest in STEM in youth of color in grades K-8 (six to thirteen years old). Students receive a wide range of resources such as weekly education workshops, STEM projects, field trips and mentors to help them win at life.

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

Students receive a wide range of resources such as weekly education workshops, STEM projects, field trips and speakers. Students are offered a wide range of opportunities including homework help, tutoring and mentorship, and activities such as painting, sports, and interaction with mentors, free haircuts and monthly dental screenings.

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

Through DREAM Academy and STEM Saturdays, scholars will engage in hands on activities to enhance their development. Through our blended, STEM and sports-based after-school youth development program with a culturally competent curriculum that provides homework assistance, develops positive behaviors, and drives improved student outcomes in reading, writing, math, science, health, and art.

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

Our target demographic, K-12 students of color from low-income communities in Miami-Dade & Orange county. The student population in these areas are 91% African-American and 9% Hispanic, with 94% of students eligible for free or reduced lunch. 800 students.

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

Program outcomes include improvement in attendance, overall school rating, average student GPAs, FSA math scores, reduction in crimes rates, increase interest in STEM related subject and program completion. Methods for capturing the data above are pre/post assessments, student and parent surveys, report cards, daily attendance sheets, FSA scores, Dibiles and Terranova assessments and principal surveys.

**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?**

Dibia DREAM will have program objectives and performance measures. If they are not met, will have to explain why and may have to return 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.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** Dibia DREAM



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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. **Organization:** Dibia DREAM

b. **County:** Orange

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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