



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1940

1. **Title of Project:** LEAP Program
2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley
3. **Date of Submission:** 02/05/2019
4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Learning Equipment Acquisition Partnership (LEAP) Program will provide supplemental support to Florida's schools and after school education programs. LEAP is a public-private charitable effort leveraging shared expenses to deliver 5,000 high level "recently new" computers (mostly laptops) in a below market manner (50-60% of normal market pricing) annually to under resourced recipients. The cost avoidance and improved efficiency benefit will be \$200/tool (avg.), creating \$1 million in added support at a \$250,000 state expense. LEAP's charitable network and clearinghouse offers a proven track record (over 43,000 learning tools delivered) that has created \$6.5 million in support to date. State interest and funding support will be matched with support from philanthropic foundations, corporations and government agencies providing technology or sponsorship. Quest, Inc. (Respect approved-disabled workforce) and Angels Helping Hands.

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	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	250,000	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
>5 years		100,000		No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$250,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director/Project Leader	45,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Part-time Assistant	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Executive or Project Leader travel, insurance, office supplies and other.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Multiple technicians for refurbishing the computers and working with/training Quest's (Respect of Florida approved) disabled and developmentally challenged workforce	60,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Refurbishment of technology to include tech acquisition, replacement parts, Microsoft software, logistics, freight, warranty reserve, labor, travel and supplies reimbursement	120,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services for logistics, shipping and freight or results study.	5,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to deliver to Florida's schools and after school programs, \$1,000,000 in "In-Kind" supplemental assistance; by way of providing high level quality "recently new" technology (mostly laptops) in a below market manner. The economic objective is to improve procurement efficiency and to create savings for acquiring needed learning tools. This support will lend a hand in improving K-12 education and job skill development for under resourced students and schools throughout the state.

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

The activity to administer this program involves creating partnerships with corporations and agencies to capture and channel technology to this benevolent clearinghouse. Overseeing tech refurbishment, benevolent partnerships, the Quest partnership.

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



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The goal is to deliver economic empowerment to enable schools to receive a helping hand to improve/advance digital based learning. There are always inequalities between the 'haves and the have nots'. For those lacking added local or grant support, this charitable service can empower struggling education facilities to acquire needed learning tools they lack. The economic benefit of avoiding massive expense of new equipment or in getting tools at a deep discount provides self empowerment to solve some of their problems or deficiencies.

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

Under resourced schools and after school education facilities primarily residing in rural or inner city locations. Targeted or supported facilities could include over 1,000 of the 3,000 public K-12 schools, several hundred charter schools, several hundred non-public schools receiving StepUp or McKay scholarship support and a hundred plus after school programs. This supplemental technology assistance program can reach 150 to 200 of these schools or facilities annually. Since technology is shared, over 5,000 students will benefit from this service.

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

The expected benefit is to provide \$1,000,000 in supplemental support to several hundred under resourced schools or after school education programs needing this added assistance. Measurement of benefit can be accomplished by comparing multiple sources and costs for comparable technology being delivered. Schools may also have quotes for similar or identical equipment to be used as comparison. This program has a long history of the marketplace and knows in advance the benefits that will be achieved.

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?

The measurable are to deliver 5,000 computers (tier 1/band name laptops or desktops) at a Core i5 3rd or 4th generation level and in a manner that creates \$200/tool benefit per tool. Should not all 5,000 units be provided in the given fiscal year, the state shall be reimbursed \$40/tool of its support for the quantity of computers not delivered.

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 fixed capital outlay involved.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Daniel Bolton
- b. **Organization:** An Angels Helping Hand Foundation a/k/a Angels Helping Hands
- c. **E-mail Address:** dbolton@ahhfc.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (407)862-3434

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** An Angels Helping Hand Foundation a/k/a Angels Helping Hands
- b. **County:** Seminole
- c. **Organization Type:**



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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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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name:** None
- b. Firm Name:** None
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