



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1970

1. Title of Project: The WOW Center: Internships and Trainings for Unique Abilities

2. Senate Sponsor: Annette Taddeo

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Education, Internships and Trainings for Future Workforce Success for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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	350,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		350,000	32	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 350000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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Other Salary and Benefits	Program Development, recruitment and Evaluation	17,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	(1) Social Service Coordinator (1) Job Coach Lead (1) Job Coach (1) Program Aide (1) Life and Work Skills Instructor	236,858
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	(1) Unique Abilities League - sports management internship (1) One of a Kind Services - culinary internship	95,642
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The goal is to increase employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities by creating community partnerships who will be educated, trained and provide internship programs leading to employment.

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

Education, Internships and Trainings for Future Workforce Success for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal is for them to be employed after their internship program.

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

Orientation, job coaching throughout the term of the internship, corporate coaching to the Human Resource Managers or to the immediate supervisor to ensure safety, and proper resources are given to the individuals who are participating in the internship program.

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

Approximately 130 Adults with Developmental and intellectual disabilities ages 18 - 78.

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

Improve Mental Health: Qualitative and quantitative data will be collected during the entire internship. Individuals will have an individual education plan (IEP) which will address specific benchmarks that the individuals will complete at each quarter. (Ex: Individuals will learn new work skills which are "hands-on" that are only available via internships at actual job sites.) Enrich Cultural Experience: Qualitative and quantitative data will be collected during the entire internship. Individuals will have an IEP which will address specific benchmarks that the individuals will complete at each quarter. (ex: attaining internships at locations who have never hired individuals with disabilities will provide an enriching cultural experience for our community partners) Improve quality of Education: Qualitative and quantitative data will be collected during the entire



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internship using IEP. Ex: Individuals will learn new work skills which are "hands-on" that are only available via internship

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?

We acknowledge the standard contract penalties in the Department of Education process. DOE may withhold all or a portion of the funds if the contract/deliverables is deemed unsatisfactory.

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:** The WOW Center
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- 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

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