



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2162

1. Title of Project: Edward Waters College Promise

2. Senate Sponsor: Audrey Gibson

3. Date of Submission: 02/20/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

The Edward Waters College Promise Program creates a pathway for low-income first-time-in-college students during their first year at a four-year institution. Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is needed to cover the "last dollar" scholarships and academic assistance for a cohort of 100 students up to \$3,000/student, and for academic support services in the amount of \$1000/student for the 2019-20 academic year. To that end, the program will provide all "Promise" students with an array of academic supports, such as academic advising and coaching, supplemental instruction, tutorial and small group study sessions, and personalized mentoring. Edward Waters College recognizes the considerable challenges that the costs of college can pose to low-income students. This combination of financial assistance and academic assistance positions students for an optimal opportunity to be successful and earn their college degrees.

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	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	400,000

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)	400,000	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	400,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		356,000	63	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No



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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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	"Last dollar" scholarships and academic assistance for a cohort of 100 students up to \$3,000/student, and for academic support services in the amount of \$1000/student for the 2019-20 academic year.	400,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		400,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Edward Waters College recognizes the considerable challenges that the costs of college can pose to low-income students. However, these students also tend to benefit greatly from a well-developed menu academic support programs. This combination of financial assistance and academic assistance positions students for an optimal opportunity to be successful and earn their college degrees.

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

The program will provide all "Promise" students with an array of academic supports, such as academic advising and coaching, supplemental instruction, tutorial and small group study sessions, and personalized mentoring.

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

Funding in the amount of \$400,000 is needed to cover the "last dollar" scholarships and academic assistance for a cohort of 100 students up to \$3,000/student, and for academic support services in the amount of \$1000/student for the 2019-20 academic year.

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

The Edward Waters College Promise Program creates a pathway for low-income first-time-in-college students during their first year at a four-year institution; a cohort of 100 students will be served.

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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Edward Waters College expects that "Promise" students will, on average, perform at or above the mean grade point average of their cohort Class of 2023, and will show higher retention rates from their first to second year of matriculation. This, of course will translate into higher 4-year and 6-year graduation rates for this cohort of "Promise" students in 2023 and 2025 respectively.

- 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?**

Reduce funding.

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:** Edward Waters College
- 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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