



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2195

1. **Title of Project:** The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning & Support

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Doug Broxson

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Arc Gateway Program for Adult Learning and Support is a post-secondary program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. PALS gives students the opportunity to go to college, learn new skills, explore new careers, and gain more independence. The ultimate goal is to provide substantial and relevant learning experiences, within an inclusive educational setting, that lead to meaningful employment. Students receive daily transportation, mentoring services, internship opportunities and hands on training and skills acquisition to prepare them for the future. By the end of their time in the program, students are prepared to live on their own in the community. And, through job search activities, students realize their full potential by securing employment in a desired field.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,000,000

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)	2,000,000	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	2,000,000	100.0%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2017-18		2,000,000	240	No

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 2,000,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Agency Overhead Costs	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries, Taxes, Benefits	900,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation costs, Curriculum, Office Supplies, Travel and Training, Printing and Publishing, Tuition and Fees, Facility Lease, Utilities, Maintenance, etc.	800,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To provide a post-secondary educational program to students with intellectual and developmental disabilities that allows them the opportunity to attend college, to learn new skills, explore careers, prepare for employment and ultimately gain more independence. Program participants will exit PALS with increased skills that will allow them to live and work successfully in their community.

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

Education and Training on the campus of Pensacola State College that will increase skills and level of independence and ultimately lead to employment

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

Classroom education; transportation to and from home and school; all tuition and supplies; mentorship from traditional college students; internship opportunities and guidance; job seeking activities and support

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

Adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have completed their secondary education experience and who want to continue personal development. Students should have a goal of becoming an



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employable individual at the end of the program. We expect to serve 80-100 disabled individuals during the year.

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

The PALS program is designed to prepare individuals with disabilities for competitive employment. By working, these individuals become valuable and contributing citizens of our community. This improves the overall quality of life for both the disabled worker and their family members. In addition, with increased skills and an income, disabled individuals will have a reduced need for government assistance in the way of state funded services, which will save the tax payers substantial dollars over the course of their lifetime.

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?

Termination of contract with 30 days notice.

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:

- a. **Name:** Melissa Rogers
- b. **Organization:** The Arc Gateway
- c. **E-mail Address:** mrogers@arc-gateway.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)434-2638 Ext. 1101

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** The Arc Gateway
- b. **County:** Escambia
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Melissa Rogers
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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None



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- b. Firm Name:** None
- c. E-mail Address:**
- d. Phone Number:**