



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2249

**1. Title of Project:** Our Pride Academy, Inc.

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

**3. Date of Submission:** 03/05/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Our Pride Academy, Inc. OPA Works Program has designed a work program that provide situations and experience to help program participants learn skills, gain confidence, build self-esteem and develop good work habits and attitudes to help them become employable, as well as a wellness and fitness program.

Individuals with disabilities are at a higher risk of health conditions, therefore, preventative health and wellness needs are essential to prevent the likelihood of becoming overweight or obese.

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

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,189,999
Fixed Capital Outlay	10,001
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,200,000</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)	1,200,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,200,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,000,000		No

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

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director will oversee and train individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to gain the necessary skills for competitive employment, contract work, and/or become self-employed using an entrepreneurial model.	80,100
Other Salary and Benefits	CEO 30% admin, 7 managers will train individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to gain the necessary skills for competitive employment, contract work, and/or become self-employed using an entrepreneurial model. Indirect costs (10% for operating administrative overhead).	410,774
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent (12,500 sq.ft. class A bldg. @\$20.00) Office supplies Payroll taxes admin.	276,823
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Budget consultant Accounting services Audit services.	30,000
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Bookkeeper 30% program, Community/Event coordinator 30% program, building maintenance 10% program, 7 job coaches will train individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities to gain the necessary skills for competitive employment, contract work, and/or become self-employed using an entrepreneurial model. Wellness and fitness instructors (minimum 2).	277,698
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Wellness and fitness supplies Program supplies Payroll taxes program Liability/property insurance Workman's compensation Auto insurance Auto maintenance/gas License/taxes Postage Dues/subscriptions Telephone Printing Advertising Marketing Building maintenance Alarm monitoring Additional educational program Utilities.	109,604
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Web designer for program.	5,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Maintenance.	10,001
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,200,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Our Pride Academy, Inc. OPA Works Program has designed a work program that provide situations and experience to help program participants learn skills, gain confidence, build self-esteem and develop good work habits and attitudes to help them become employable, as well as a wellness and fitness program. Individuals



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with disabilities are at a higher risk of health conditions, therefore, preventative health and wellness needs are essential to prevent the likelihood of becoming overweight or obese.

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

To create a training program that focuses on the development of the general competencies required for work in an office setting, competitive employment, or an in the child care industry. Procure contract work that would involve work for private businesses under contract for a price. The work will be utilized as a tool for on-the-job training. Activities may involve sorting, collating, counting, assembling and packaging products. These training programs consist of a minimum of 15 hours per week for 11 months with an established curriculum and job descriptions and skills necessary to get the job done. An additional 15 hours per week for 11 months will be dedicated to teaching skills and competencies in math, reading, writing and life skills.

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

85% of the clients will demonstrate an increased awareness and knowledge of general competencies required for work during the term of the contract. (September through July 31, 2018) 25% of the clients completing the program shall be competitively employed or self-employed within 6 months of completing the program, during the term of the contract. We currently are servicing 60 clients. From September to January, we have placed 3 individuals in competitive employment in Publix, have hired one of the child care trainees as a classroom assistant, and will begin to pay 10 other clients by the end of the 6 month mark. We expect an additional 10 paid employees within 6 months of the term of the contract.

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally and physically disabled persons, high school students, individuals with autism and related disorders. 51-100 people.

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

Improvement of physical and mental health, cultural enrichment, improvement in quality of education. By using physical activity to get out of the house and working, preventative health and wellness. Using their cognitive abilities to learn skills and increase self-esteem in addition to going into the community. This will be measured through regular attendance, mobility, weight control, and performance reviews.

**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?**

Will refund appropriation per department contract.

**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.**

None.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Our Pride Academy, Inc. OPA Works
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
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