



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2437

1. Title of Project: Tiger Academy Charter School Operations Support

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 03/14/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Tiger Academy is a Title I public charter school located in the northwest area of Jacksonville, Florida. The mission of Tiger Academy is to provide the children of the north side with a structured and nurturing learning environment that is focused on rigorous academic standards, character development, self-discipline, personal and social responsibility and family involvement. To accomplish this Tiger Academy provides a high quality educational choice for the most under resourced children in Jacksonville by implementing a longer school day and school year than traditional public schools. The additional time allows children to succeed both academically and socially by providing additional resources needed to support the extensive needs of the population served. Additional funds are required above what is received from federal, state and local funds to provide for the significant needs of the population served at Tiger Academy.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 1,000,000

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		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Staff at Tiger Academy have a one hour longer school day, with no early release days, and a 15 day longer school year than traditional public schools. Teachers also work Saturday school. This results in additional salary and supplemental costs. Tiger Academy provides two full day academic day prekindergarten classes taught by certificated early childhood teachers. Additional certificated and experienced staff are also needed to support the high number of under-resourced students. These include a	700,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Additional educational materials and supplies are needed to support student and staff needs. All academic and curriculum material are current and state approved to meet high academic standards for all students. Facility costs are significantly increased due to extended school time and equipment is repaired and replaced more frequently due to increased time on task.	300,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The specific goal and purpose of Tiger Academy is to provide a high quality educational option in northwest Jacksonville and improve academic performance of the most at risk students in Jacksonville with the ultimate goal of college attendance and breaking the poverty cycle of families. Traditional neighborhood schools in the immediate area of Tiger Academy are among some of the lowest performing schools in Duval County.

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



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High quality educational programming and other needed supports will be provided with a focus on each individual child making at least one year of academic growth for approximately 300 students and their families in the northwest quadrant of Jacksonville, Florida

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

High quality and rigorous academic programming for at risk children from prekindergarten through grade 5 will be provided in an extended school day and year. Support services needed for academic success such as before and after school programming (including dinner for after school students), summer educational programming, parent training and mental health support are provided to assist in academic achievement and remove barriers for academic success Art, music, media, physical education, coding and cultural events are also provided.

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

The target populations to be served at Tiger Academy, as described in the contract with Duval County Public Schools, are students whose families reside in the zip codes 32209 and other zip codes in Health Zone 1 in Duval County. This area is consistently the most impoverished in Duval County as well as the most violent. The target populations where the majority of the funds requested will be served include economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school students, and their families, preschool students and their families and special needs students. All parents of children at Tiger Academy are required to attend volunteer hours each year. Approximately 200-400 students and their families will be served annually.

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

The expected benefits and outcomes of the project are: 1. Improve mental health by consistently implementing the Positivity Project and other mental health supports such as individual and group counseling. The methodology for measuring this benefit will be pre and post test results and reports will show improvement in behavior and the number of discipline referrals will decrease. 2. Improve the quality of education by showing proficiency in reading and math for grades 3-5 and science proficiency in grade 5. Gain scores in grades K-5 will show growth in iReady assessments administered three times annually Prekindergarten students will show growth and readiness for kindergarten in their identified assessments. The methodology used to measure the outcomes will be FSA results, iReady assessment results, prekindergarten assessment results, teacher made assessments and other measures needed such as the Developmental Reading Assessment.

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?

It is suggested that the failure to meet deliverables as provided in the contract will result in appropriated funds being returned.

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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b. Organization: Tiger Academy Charter School



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

a. **Organization:** Tiger Academy Charter School

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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15. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name:** None

b. **Firm Name:** None

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