



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2486

1. **Title of Project:** Colombian-American Chamber of Commerce

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Annette Taddeo

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/18/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Colombian American Chamber of Commerce (CAC) is an apolitical organization that promotes trade, investment, and free enterprise. The CAC supports the interests of Florida companies that are doing business in Colombia, and assists other Florida companies who want to do business in Colombia in the future. Conversely, the CAC also assists Colombia businesses enter and expand in the U.S. market. The efforts strengthen bilateral relations between the two international business communities. The CAC also sponsors mentoring programs for students who wish to pursue careers in international trade. The CAC organizes and sponsors trade missions between the USA and Colombia.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</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)	150,000	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>150,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** \$150,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director, Salary and Benefits	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Operations Assistant, Salary and Benefits	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program Operations	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

The program promotes international trade between Colombia and businesses in Florida, creating new sources of revenue while creating new jobs in the State.

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

(1) International trade missions, (2) Student mentoring programs, (3) Guidance and technical assistance is provided to companies in both countries to help facilitate the expansion of trade, (4) Seminars and networking events to introduce corporate leaders and officials from government agencies to help them understand the practical needs of each in order to more easily facilitate business expansion.

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

Economic and business development activities as needed by our participating member companies.

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

The target population is the south Florida business community, with special emphasis on small and minority businesses that often lack the resources that can be provided to help expand their companies and create new jobs. In real terms, every resident of Miami-Dade benefits from a growing economy and job creation.

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

The primary benefit of the program is job creation through expanded international trade. The methodology by which this outcome will be measured is very simple: Needed assistance will be provided to track the expansion and job creation of each endeavor participated in.



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- 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?**

Standard contract penalties.

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.**

Not applicable.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Colombian American Chamber of Commerce USA
- 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) 501 (C)
- d. **Contact Name:** Ana Maria Pineres
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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