



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2619

1. Title of Project: Wayman Academy of the Arts

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 03/19/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Wayman Academy of the Arts (WAA) is a public charter school (Title I) that has served children in the North and Westside of Jacksonville since 1999. With more than 400 children currently, enrolled, WAA has found a unique way to put more dollars in the classroom and increase student achievement. Since 2016, WAA is the only Title I elementary schools in Duval County to have consecutive "A" passing grades. WAA is requesting \$500,000 in funding to extend learning times, allowing hundreds of children more time to increase literacy gains, improve math proficiency, civics, history and science. As a result of this funding, WAA will be able to hire additional staff, increase enrollment and improve classroom technology for the most educationally under-served population in Jacksonville, Florida.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	50.0%
Federal		0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.0%
Local		0.0%
Other	500,000	50.0%
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. 500,000

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	Salary and Benefits to hire additional staff, including teachers, counselors and campus personnel. Funds will also be used for WAA extended school day and year. Educators will receive compensation for their extended working hours, after school reading programs and impact of a longer school day.	400,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Upgrade classroom technology accessibility to increase learning experience for students via computers, tablets, smart boards and other technological advances to improve literacy, math, history and science.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The funds will help pay for costs associated with additional teacher hirings, extended school day for students in high-crime, low-income communities in Jacksonville, Florida. Funds will also be used for more hours of classroom instruction versus traditional public schools. As a result, WAA will enroll more students from Eureka Gardens while continuing to provide a quality education to children in educationally underserved communities in Duval County.

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

WAA students are also in full wrap around services with Wayman Community Development Corporation, helping both students and families with mental health, substance and domestic abuse counseling. These funds will help WAA students get more time in classroom and after school, while improving literacy, math, science and history proficiency.



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

More than 400 students from the North and Westside of Jacksonville currently attend WAA. With this funding, WAA will provide direct services by providing free school bus services across, increase enrollment from high crime & low-income communities in Duval County, while also creating jobs for qualified teachers.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, victims of crime, preschool students and grade school students will also be the target population served by this project. WAA anticipates enrolling 305 additional students with \$500,000.00 with an average of \$1,640 per student.

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

Through this funding request WAA aims to (1) improve literacy, math, science and history proficiency for standardized testing along with students overall achievements, (2) improve the quality of education for under-served communities in Duval County, and (3) enrich students' cultural experiences. Our outcomes will be measured by (a) the number of teachers hired in relation to students improved achievements (b) WAA school grade compared to schools of similar demographics from North and Westside of Jacksonville, and (c) the number of hours dedicated to enrich children in-classroom and after school.

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?

The agency's standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Wayman Academy of the Arts
- b. **County:** Duval
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College



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Other (Please specify)

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