



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2642

1. **Title of Project:** Student Athletics, Community and Education Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Gayle Harrell

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/15/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The new Student ACES Center, is a community of learners, building a foundation to support student athletes throughout their athletic careers and beyond. This is the place where high school Student-Athletes train to become outstanding, contributing members of their teams, schools, neighborhoods and communities. Through ongoing community involvement and service, students will learn and demonstrate the benefits of "paying-it-forward". The center will support and promote the personal, educational and professional development of every student, honoring their individual and collective talents and strength. Belle Glade and Pahokee sit on some of the richest and most fertile land in south Florida. These communities also experience some of the highest unemployment rates in the country, coupled with a complexity of community adversities. To support the work of Student ACES, Bank of America recently donated their Belle Glade building to Student ACES in support of their mission in the Glades.

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	
Fixed Capital Outlay	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	68.2%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	180,000	8.2%
Other	520,000	23.6%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	2,200,000	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?** No



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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		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Renovation and addition to an old Bank of America building that was donated to Student ACES to turn it into the Student ACES Center "SAC".	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

These funds will be used to renovate the old Bank of America building donated to Student ACES and add a 3,000 square ft health/sports performance training center.

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

Student ACES is devoted to Student-Athletes making the most of their leadership abilities while achieving their sports and academics goals, as well as preparing them for their future successes. "THE SAC" is a place where Student-Athletes can prepare to fully achieve their dreams from high school sports to professional sports to life after sports. This will be a center where Student-Athletes are trained to become outstanding, well-rounded individuals who give back to the communities in which they live.

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

THE SAC will provide workshops, seminars and one-on-one training in the following areas: Leadership Qualities - Power of Social Media/Branding - Life After Athletics - STEM- Mental Health Trainings - Sexual Health Education - Resume Writing; Interview Skills - Healthy Living - Public Relations/Speaking - Collegiate Recruiting Services - NCAA Workshops - TECH Education - Fitness/ Athletic Training - College Preparation - Internship Opportunities - Community Service Opportunities. Teachings: ACE students will be held to a code of conduct and will be taught the ACE Values: Commanding respect, Earning Trust, Winning Attitude, Sacrifice for Self and Others, Hard work and Perseverance, Ethical and Moral Behavior.

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



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The population served is high school student athletes in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay. Belle Glade and Pahokee sit on some of the richest and most fertile land in south Florida. These communities also experience some of the highest unemployment rates in the country, coupled with a complexity of community adversities. To support the work of Student ACES, Bank of America recently donated their bank building for complete renovation in turning it into the Student ACES Center or The SAC. Through the efforts of staff, community leaders and mentors, THE SAC will provide leadership, academic and athletic support for Student-Athletes in the Glades area. THE SAC will become a center where Student-Athletes will train to become outstanding, well-rounded individuals who give back to their teams, schools and communities in which they live. The "SAC" will serve 400 high school students annually.

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

Outcomes: improved GPA's, violence prevention, employability, healthier lifestyles, better mental health, hope, life skills, confidence, social and emotional learning and community awareness. We will work with an evaluator, data collection program and pre and post surveys. We will also track the number of students that get jobs after college or go into trade work. Investing in The SAC will result in improved GPA's, violence prevention, improved job placement, employability, healthier lifestyles, better mental health, greater sense of hope, life skills, self-confidence, social and emotional learning and community awareness for our student athletes. Over the next 30 years, THE SAC will support 400 students annually at a cost of \$1,000 per student; a total of 12,000 students at a cost of \$1.2 million. According to Cohen, 1998. Journal of Quantitative Criminology, for 1 youth who is diverted from a life of crime and chemical abuse, \$2.2M is saved over a lifetime. ROI: 7,333%.

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 Agreement

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.

Student ACES will receive the funds for the capital project and the building is owned by Student ACES a 501c3 non profit organization.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Student ACES
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- 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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