



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1362

1. **Project Title** Special Olympics Florida Unified Champion Schools2. **Senate Sponsor** Dennis Baxley3. **Date of Request** 11/20/20194. **Project/Program Description**

A statewide initiative that provides structured opportunities to engage students with and without intellectual disabilities through sports competition and leadership development activities to promote inclusion of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in schools, create life long acceptance of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, increase social skills and self-confidence of students with intellectual disabilities and reduce harmful behaviors such as bullying. Each \$1 of state funds will be matched by approximately \$3 of private and Federal funding. This request is to replace \$250,000 provided from non-recurring funds in the 2019-20 state budget which will allow current expansion efforts to additional schools to continue. There are currently over 100 schools on the waiting list.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of EducationState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250000	82.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	350,000	18 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	600,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	250,000	250,000	114	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 250,000



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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: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Young Athletes Manager	61,016
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes rental fees for both the facility and venue, transportation and travel costs, and supplies	188,984
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Assist the Department of Education in its goal to facilitate full inclusion of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the school community. This has the additional benefit of creating life long acceptance of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, increasing social skills and self-confidence of students with intellectual disabilities, reducing harmful behaviors such as bullying, and ensuring that future generations of leaders will value inclusion.

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

Four major activities: 1. Unified Sports allows children and youth with and without disabilities to be teammates in athletic competitions, some formally sanctioned by the FHSAA; 2. Inclusive Leadership activities; 3. Whole-school engagement activities to promote inclusion to the entire school community; and 4. Young Athletes which serves pre-school children.

- c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

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

Students with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as K-12 and college students statewide. Approximately 55,000 additional individuals are expected to be impacted through future expansion.

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

Promote inclusion of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities in schools and improve attitudes of students without disabilities toward their peers with disabilities. In addition, improved physical and mental health for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Special Olympics plans to conduct a number of student/faculty/staff surveys to measure results.

- 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?

Plan of corrective action which can escalate to reduced payment if contract performance does not improve.



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12. The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
 - ☒ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (please specify)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.