



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1374

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

AMIkids Academic Enrichment Program puts students back on the path to earning a high school diploma. The funds provide teacher professional development to work with at-risk youth in a blended instruction model.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="850,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="850000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	850,000	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		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="500,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="1784"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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	Education administration; Administrative services provided by the Home Office such as budgeting, human resources, risk management, benefits administration; training; payroll services; financial reporting; student data management, contract administration, and technology management; etc.	154,254
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Teacher traveling for professional development training and for travel to sites.	11,340
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Instructional Coach; Regional Education staff; Teachers/Directors of Education for enrichment services	361,876
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Academic Supplies, education and teacher academy, travel, telecommunication, online instructional tools, equipment, office supplies	307,530
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Online and classroom Program for the curriculum and certification.	15,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000



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11. Program Performance

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

AMIkids Academic Enrichment Program puts students on track to re-enter school and earn a diploma. Based on the belief that high academic performance is influenced by quality teachers and effective instruction, this program provides a multi-prong blended instructional approach that includes skills training, online learning, and teacher professional development. This approach meets and challenges students at their current performance level while allowing them to advance with guided support.

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

Funding will support classroom instruction and teacher professional development (PD). The model will provide blended instruction and small group and cooperative learning. The blended format provides students extended time to master concepts through actively practicing and applying the content. The PD model focuses on assessment and intervention skills teachers need to effectively teach at-risk youth.

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

Students will receive digital and direct instruction to enhance their reading and math skills. This will be accomplished through a blended learning environment which provides both digital and direct instruction in a small focused school environment staffed by certified and competent teachers.

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

Persons with poor mental health, Jobless persons, At-risk youth, Grade school students, High school students, Currently and formerly incarcerated persons, Drug offenders in criminal justice.
Between 500 and 800 students can be served by these funds.

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

1. Improve quality of education - AMIkids will measure the number of course completions, credits earned, GED or diplomas awarded based on FL middle school matriculation and high school graduation requirements as well as grade level increase per STAR Renaissance assessment.
2. Protect the general public from harm - AMIkids will monitor daily attendance of all students enrolled in the program
3. Increase specific individual's economic self sufficiency - AMIkids will track the number of GEDs and/or HS diplomas awarded across all programs

- 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?

AMIkids may be subject to corrective action plan or financial consequences for not meeting specified outcomes/performance measures



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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.