



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1596

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The goal of the Booker Promise Program is for every Booker High School student to graduate college & career ready with the skills, resources and life plan necessary to develop to their fullest potential. The program aims to bridge the opportunity gap by removing the lack of high school college & career planning and preparedness as well as the tuition barrier that prevents graduates from pursuing a post-secondary education thereby boosting the population of workforce-ready young adults. The program will be the beginning of the end of generational poverty for an entire population of youth living in north Sarasota. Qualifying students will be eligible for a two-year scholarships at a Florida public college.

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="200,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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="200,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="35.0"/> %
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="378,550"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="65"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	578,550	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"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

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		<input type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Purchase of two-year scholarships at Florida public colleges for financially disadvantaged at-risk high school students.	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000



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11. Program Performance

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

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

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

The program will be the beginning of the end of generational poverty for an entire population of youth living in north Sarasota. Qualifying students will be eligible for a two-year scholarship or a technical certificate program at a Florida public college.

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

The targeted population for the project is economically disadvantaged (Title I) at-risk high school youth attending Booker High School in Sarasota County who, but for the lack of awareness of their options and money for tuition, would otherwise be candidates to attend a Florida public college or university. The number of students benefitting during the 2019-2020 school year is a rainbow of diversity representing 243 incoming 9th graders with a demographic makeup of 37% Hispanic, 30% Caucasian, 26% African-American, 6% mixed ethnicity and less than 1% are other. 71% of the first-year students are economically disadvantaged. The project will expand in future years by adding one grade level per year until the entire school will become part of the program by the 2022-2023 academic year.

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

It is expected that the project will result in a student population that is better equipped with the skills, resources and motivation to pursue a post-secondary education and be more qualified to enter the work-force and become productive members of society. The project will employ an independent outcome measurements team to clearly articulate key components, outcomes and thresholds. A formative evaluation will be conducted each year, for eight years, to identify appropriate baselines and assess the adequacy of implementation and make mid-course adjustments.

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?

Should Booker Promise Foundation fail to meet its contractual deliverables and/or performance goals as measured over the study period, the organization would be willing to guarantee the return of all funds advanced by the state of Florida.



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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.