



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1894

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

GHACC is planning to acquire a 1,500-2,000 sq/ft office space for personnel and infrastructure development. The center will serve citizens in the community with social, financial, marketing, digital, and economic development tools so that they can become self-sufficient. The center will provide meeting space, mentoring and entrepreneur assistance, along with business training, workshops, monitoring, consulting, and one on one classes with business specialists and product development agents. This funding will support the development of the mixed-use center expansion within Orlando that contributes to the economic initiatives relating to entrepreneurship. The proposed project within the southwest region of Orlando is a heavily populated with Haitian residents and business owners.

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="202,720"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="48,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	250,720

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="250720"/>	<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	250,720	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: 100%;" 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	The funds will pay for the salaries and benefits of the Executive Director who will oversee the GHACC Center.	129,000
Other Salary and Benefits	The funds will cover the salaries and benefits of all administrative employees (administrative assistant, program coordinator). The funds will be allocated for the salaries and benefits of trainers, mentors, and others.	38,220
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The funds are requested to purchase administrative equipment including computers, printers, and copy machines, furniture and fixtures, and to pay for administrative training, utilities, travel, office supplies, maintenance, fees, tools, insurance, materials (books, stationery, copies/handouts) for sessions, cameras, rental spaces, website design, travel/gas mileage, bus passes, clothing, food, and events/seminars.	26,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The funds will be used and allocated for consultants, legal services, independent accountants, contractors, and others. Accounting services to manage project booking (\$30,000); and a Project Assistant Manager to assist with project procurement activities (\$45,000).	9,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Leasing improvement/renovation	48,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,720



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11. Program Performance

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

Funding will be used for acquiring and development of the GHACC Entrepreneur Center. The purpose of the proposed center is to serve as a neighborhood anchor that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship which will contribute to the sustainability and long term economic development. In addition the center will also contribute to broader regional economic impact and tourism for Central Florida.

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

Activities and services that will be provided include: development of sustainable long-term operations; workforce training and a professional development business incubator; workshop; mentoring startup businesses; community meeting space; promoting businesses; and a business resource center.

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

Community outreach, community relations building with local elected officials and community business leaders. Local citizens will gain valuable access to relevant training and educational programs, technology, and resources to facilitate entrepreneurship, small business development, and long-term jobs in surrounding areas.

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

Teens, young adults, and business owners, from high school or college/graduates; jobless persons; economically disadvantaged persons; general population (the majority of funds will benefit no specific group); entrepreneurs; and small businesses. Estimated number of individuals served is 1,500-2,000.

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

Benefits will be to provide better access to the community, reduce disparity, increase representation, promote paths to entrepreneurship, and galvanize business development and best practices. Outcomes will be measured by the number of participants, membership renewals, and the number of established new businesses. Evaluation will be based on training and follow up surveys.

- 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?

Loss of funding.



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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.**

The Greater Haitian American Chamber of Commerce (GHACC) of Orlando

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.