



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2458

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Florida Debate Initiative is an educational non-profit designed to meet the following goals: assisting schools without existing programs to develop speech and debate; supporting schools with existing programs; providing affordable academic competition opportunities to all, and most importantly to foster civic engagement through participation in competitive speech and debate activities. The FDI serves as the educational support organization tasked with educating and training coaches and students, training judges, and establishing competition standards for existing organizations to partner with to provide ample educational competition opportunities. Competitive speech and debate can address the need for both bridging the educational achievement gap and instilling critical thinking skills in students, in addition to instilling higher-level critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills.

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="750,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	750,000

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="750000"/>	<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	750,000	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"/>	<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.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2458

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	Program expenses for funding the development and educational resources necessary for public schools to create and/or support speech and debate programs with a focus on civics education.	750,000
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)		750,000



The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2458

11. Program Performance

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

The FDI is an educational non-profit designed to meet the following goals: assisting schools without existing programs to develop speech and debate; supporting schools with existing programs; providing affordable academic competition opportunities to all, and most importantly to foster civic engagement through participation in competitive speech and debate activities. Competitive speech and debate can address the need for bridging the educational achievement gap and instilling higher-level critical thinking, problem-solving and communication skills.

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

The FDI serves as the educational support organization tasked with educating and training coaches and students, training judges, and establishing competition standards for existing organizations to partner with to provide ample educational competition opportunities.

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

Services include establishing education and training programs for coaches and students and creating regional leagues for speech and debate competition opportunities.

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

Middle and high school students across the state.

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

Presently, the geographic location of a student often dictates their ability to compete in speech and debate. This funding will help to equalize those opportunities statewide to provide access to speech in debate in all counties over time.

- 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?

Funds shall be allocated in coordination and partnership with the Florida Department of Education. While we cannot foresee an applicable scenario under this question arising, if some unforeseeable event occurred that standards were not being met, the FDOE would have the discretion to restrict access to funding.



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2458

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.**

There is no fixed capital outlay funding requested.

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.