

## The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2021-2022

1. Project Title Virgil Hawkins Florida Chapter of the National Bar Association Fellowship

2. Senate Sponsor Darryl Rouson

**3. Date of Request** 12/03/2020

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Providing access to legal resources and services to an undeserved population; those who limited resources. The program will assist this demographic with all non-criminal matters, from filing pleadings or responses to assistance at trial or administrative matters.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

State Agency contacted? No

#### 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

#### 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	150,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year	Amount		Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

N/A

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

150,000

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.



#### 11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount	
Administrative Costs:			
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries for three (3) attorneys, one working also as project head and one (1) paralegal/admin support personnel	105,000	
Other Salary and Benefits		0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Non-Personnel costs-travel, marketing, training, insurance, client management systems	39,000	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	The cost of malpractice insurance and related fees to be included under Florida A&M University's malpractice policy	6,000	
Operational Costs: Other			
Salary and Benefits		0	
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0	
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0	
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0	
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) 150,000			

#### 12. Program Performance

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

This project seeks to provide access to legal services and legal resources, to under served communities and to assist with non-criminal legal matters for those persons.

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

This projects seeks to provide on-site consultations at local community centers, legal representation in non-criminal matters, panel and community-based forums/information sessions on individual rights and legal options as relates to various matters.

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

This project is to provide legal representation, assistance resolving non-criminal cases, filing and submitting legal documents, responding to legal demands, meditations or arbitration and negotiations of matters.

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

This project seeks to serve low income, indigent, undeserved persons facing economic and transportation challenges.

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

#### be measured?

This project seeks to provide volunteer legal services to indigent and homeless Central Florida residents by providing legal representation to assist traditionally under served clients in matters related to family law, housing, domestic violence and other legal issues that they would typically not have access to or resources to afford.

# 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 the contract?

There will be financial penalties assessed for not meeting the specified deliverables as provided in the contract.



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13. 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 are no funds being given, space and resources provided in-kind from Florida A&M University College of Law, Barry University College of Law, and Bethune-Cookman University



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