



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1048

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Washington Center is the largest and most established college student internship program in Washington, D.C. Since 1975, we've helped more than 60,000 students translate their majors into thriving career paths.

Florida students from State University System schools are eligible for state scholarship support when they enroll in our Academic Internship Program (AIP). Students who enroll in The Washington Center's Academic Internship Program are placed in internships that fit their skills, interests, and professional goals. Students also take an evening course once a week from approximately 20 courses offered each semester, attend our LEAD Colloquium every Friday, and build a portfolio throughout the program to document their professional journeys. LEAD (Leadership, Engagement, Achievement, and Development) instructors provide one-on-one instruction, advisement, and professional exploration to each student at The Washington Center.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	88%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	35,500	12%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	285,500	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	350,000	150	Yes

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

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The funds will enable Florida public university students to spend a summer or semester in Washington, D.C. interning for a private company, non-profit organization, federal agency, or Member of Congress. Students also participate in a range of leadership and professional activities. Students will leave Washington, D.C. with a much better understanding of the professional world and how to successfully join the workforce post-college graduation.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

The funds will enable Florida public university students to spend a summer or semester in Washington, D.C. interning for a private company, non-profit organization, federal agency, or Member of Congress. Students also participate in a range of leadership and professional activities. Students will leave Washington, D.C. with a much better understanding of the professional world and how to successfully join the workforce post-college graduation. The program instills in students the values of leadership, civic engagement and professional achievement. Students return to Florida ready to be vibrant, contributing members of Florida's economy and workforce. Additionally, the program will enrich students' cultural experiences, improve the quality of their education, improve their economic activity, create job opportunities for students and enable students to have greater economic self-sufficiency.

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

Students will intern four days a week in Washington, DC, take an academic course, and participate on Fridays in various lectures, workshops, and events collectively called the "LEAD Colloquium" to expand their knowledge and cultural fluency.

Students will also participate in numerous career services workshops to help prepare them for the job market during their time at The Washington Center.

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



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The funds will enable Florida public university students to spend a semester in Washington, DC, interning for the federal government, the Administration, non-profit and companies, or a Member of Congress.

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

Public university students in Florida.

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

We administer an evaluation survey for the LEAD Colloquium every semester, which survey questions about the students' experience and will allow us to measure to what degree student experiences were enriched. Once completed, we will provide the responses to these questions so the Florida Senate may see to what extent all our students in a given semester consider their cultural experiences enriched. Since this is an anonymous survey, we cannot provide numbers for a specific cohort of students. We have also asked our liaisons at our partner universities to provide their assessment of the transformative nature of our program.

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?

Return of funds

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.

n/a



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. **First Name** **Last Name**

b. **Organization**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number** **Ext.**

15. 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**

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. **Name**

b. **Firm Name**

c. **E-mail Address**

d. **Phone Number**