



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1085

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This funding will allow The Bishop to build on the success of the first year of the LEARN initiative (2019-20) which was cut short by COVID restrictions in March of 2020. The Bishop is a vital partner with the School District of Manatee County (SDMC) in serving thousands of County Title 1 early learners and their families and we can help close the learning gaps created by inconsistent and compromised learning situations due to COVID. We will provide virtual field trips and learning experiences when requested and in-person field trips and programs (including outreach) to the District's Title 1 classrooms (PreK-2nd grade students), VPK providers and Title 1 families. In-person experience will include access to the Museum's new Mosaic Backyard Universe, a STEM early learning center, the main Museum and serve as a hub for collaborative programs such as SOAR in 4.

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	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

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)	200,000	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	200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	200,000	84	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.

We annually work to secure grants from private individuals, family and corporate foundations to support our work with Title 1 youth and families. None of these amounts received alone can match what it takes to serve these youth in need.



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

Yes

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

We received \$263,000 in PPP funds used for Payroll support. We were closed for 2.5 months to the public and for school field trips, and we are still seeing a low return of visitor and student groups which is a major portion of our revenue.

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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Education Program Manager, Education Program Content Specialist, Education Program Assistant, Educators.	110,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Museum Admissions, Materials and Supplies, Transportation for Title 1 schools and VPK providers to the Museum, Professional Development supplies, Space Utilization.	90,000
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)		200,000

12. Program Performance

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

The goal of the initiative is to continue to integrate The Bishop's Mosaic Backyard Universe, into the county's network of early learning resources, enhancing the School District's efforts to coordinate and deliver an integrated continuum of educational programs for the county's underserved PreK-Grade 2 students and their families. The Bishop has 15 Title 1 schools within a 6-mile radius of the Museum. We will also provide STEM education to as many Title 1 school classes in PreK- Grade 2 with free transportation and admission fees to the Museum, outreach into classrooms and VPK providers and virtual field trips as requested.

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

The School District and The Bishop will collaborate on the delivery of SOAR in 4 family programming for all Title 1 families in Manatee County with regular programs offered throughout the school year coupled with professional and parental development opportunities. The Bishop will provide outreach to VPK providers, virtual classes and no cost in-person field trips, including transportation in the two county area. The grant will continue to support professional staff for program development, implementation, school group and outreach scheduling and oversight.

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



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Title 1 students and teachers, their families and VPK providers will have free access to early learning resources at The Bishop for school field trips and for coordinated programming by the School District and partner agencies serving this audience such as with SOAR in 4. Outreach programming for VPK providers will be coordinated with partner agencies modeling parent/child engagement practices in science education. Both teachers and parents will be offered professional as well as parent development learning opportunities.

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

Underserved and Title 1 PK-2nd grade students, their families and their educators. We expect to serve more than 5-8,000 low income children and families in this second year of service, navigating any post-COVID restrictions. More served if schools and providers are operating in a more normal situation.

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

We expect to see the percentage of underserved/Title 1 students performing at grade level by grade 3 increase annually. It will take three more years to see the results of the program and measure overall effectiveness. The School District's "Universal Identifier" for each child in the County will enable us to evaluate the number of programs each child participates in, as well as their academic achievement.

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?

Grant funds from the 2019-2020 year allocated to the LEARN Grant were reimbursed to The Bishop only after a review and approval by the Department of Education's Office of Early Learning so there are no funds disbursed prior to a review and approval to ensure The Bishop meets the deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract.

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.

As a 501 (c) 3 The Bishop is a non profit corporation that is overseen by a volunteer Board of Trustees.



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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