



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1127

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

4. Project/Program Description

The YReads program is a literacy program to reduce the number of students not reading at grade level. The YMCA READS! program successfully closes the achievement gap in students' reading performance with structured curricula delivered by well-trained teachers and mentors. The YMCA READS! program teaches literacy skills to students via small group tutoring/mentoring. Mentoring enhances academic achievement through relationship building and increased academic self-esteem from learning to read.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	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	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	764,972	500,000	100	No

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?



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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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Sub-grants to local YMCAs to administer the program in partnership with local school districts	500,000
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)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Increased literacy in students in K-3rd grade.

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

Individualized and small group lessons and interactive instruction based on Systematic Instruction in Phonologic awareness, Phonics and Sight Words (SIPPS) curriculum. This is done in conjunction with iReady testing to determine reading levels and improvement.

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

Direct evidence-based reading instruction to struggling readers in grades K-4 with input from classroom teachers and reading coaches.

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

The target population is elementary (K-3) students and teachers. The program is currently serving over 800 individuals currently.

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

In the early elementary school grades, students learn to read so that they can read to learn in the higher grades. Unless children learn to read proficiently at the appropriate grade level, they cannot understand the textbooks used in all disciplines. This is measured through standardized tests, teacher evaluations, and iReady results.

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?



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Funds would be withheld and not reimbursed.

- 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