



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1251

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Community Based post-COVID Acceleration Initiative is a partnership between the School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) and the Urban League of Palm Beach County (ULPBC) to re-engage 90 middle school students following the devastating year of the pandemic and its academic stagnation/regression consequences. The ULPBC will administer this model program in Riviera Beach and work with community partners to ensure maximum student engagement. College students will be hired to provide small group instruction (6:1) under the supervision and support of educators. The estimated budget of \$200,000 provides funding for the college students and educators as well as daily meals, weekly field trips and transportation during this six week summer program.

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		

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.

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



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Yes

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

SDPBC received federal assistance in the amount of \$35.1 million from the CARES Act (excludes amount earmarked for charter and private schools). However, SDPBC has spent over \$45 million on COVID-related costs thus far in service of bridging the Digital Divide and reopening brick and mortar campuses (representing a \$10 million shortfall). Expenses related to cleaning, sanitation, and PPE alone total \$16.3 million to-date, with the total cost projected to reach \$29.6 million by year's end.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	2 Program site managers -- \$15,250	15,250
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Use of facility (prorated amount for six week program) -- \$1,245 Insurance -- \$3,000 Administrative costs (payroll, compliance, reporting) -- \$14,700	18,945
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	15 college students (includes pre-program prep time, in addition to six week program) -- \$64,125 5 teachers (includes pre-program prep time, in addition to six week program) -- \$42,750	106,875
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Student supplies (90 students) -- \$6730 Transportation to/from camp -- \$900 Field trips including transportation -- \$10,800 Student meals (breakfast, lunch and 2 snacks per day for 90 students over six weeks) -- \$40,500	58,930
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 Urban League of Palm Beach County with guidance from the Palm Beach County School District will administer a full day M-F summer camp in Riviera Beach designed to creatively and safely engage middle school students in activities to refresh, reiterate and reteach the grade level skills that they did not learn to proficiency levels due to the distance learning situations created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need for academic acceleration is great following the COVID slide, superimposed on summer slide which was superimposed on the academic achievement gap which disproportionately impacted students in communities demographically like Riviera Beach.

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

College students (15) will be hired to provide small group instruction to middle schoolers (90) under the guidance of certified teachers (5). A strong literacy foundation will provide the framework for support in math, science and social studies. Educational delivery methods found to be engaging by youth will supplement traditional methodologies. These non-traditional methods might include analysis of vocabulary in popular music including synonyms and antonyms, creation of videos by students to teach other students, explicit math vocabulary instruction, weaving local history into World History, Civics and US History instruction, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.



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

The proposed program will take place M-F between 8:00am - 5:00pm from June 21-July 30, 2021 (6 weeks) in Riviera Beach. This results in 270 hours of program time. Fifteen college students will be hired to provide small group instruction to 90 middle school students at a ratio of 1:6. In addition, five teachers will be hired to provide guidance to the college students and supplement the supervision and instruction of the middle school program participants. Academic acceleration program activities will be supplemented with athletics, recreation (e.g. chess instruction, dance), arts and Friday field trips to sites that support the educational endeavors.

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

The program will accelerate the academic achievement of 90 middle school students from Riviera Beach. In addition, 15 college students will be selected to mentor and provide small group instruction to middle school program participants--this mentorship experience is structured to enrich the lives of those college students who are hired to support this program.

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

The expected outcome of this project is to creatively and safely engage middle school students in activities to refresh, reiterate and reteach the grade level skills that they did not learn to proficiency levels due to the distance learning situations created by the COVID 19 pandemic. Participating middle school students will have higher academic achievement levels as a result of this program. This outcome will be measured by diagnostics already used by the SDPBC to monitor student academic success.

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 requested 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 - no fixed capital outlay funding being requested.



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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