



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1557

1. Project Title AMIkids Career and Job Placement Program

2. Senate Sponsor Aaron Bean

3. Date of Request 02/10/2021

4. Project/Program Description

AMIkids Career and Job Placement provides job placement and follow up services to current AMIkids students. This program creates community hiring partnerships, resume and interview services, mentoring, and career coaching. Students are given an opportunity to find meaningful career options that prepare them to make better choices and contribute to their community. Students will have improved academic outcomes, increased job readiness skills, and reduced recidivism.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	375,000	110	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,000,000

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

AMIkids continues to seek private dollars and federal grants to expand programming in order to maximize long term youth success. Often times these funding sources are dependent on evidence of support from the state and localities in which we serve. Leveraging multiple funding sources maximizes the impact.

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.

Four AMIkids programs that currently receive state funding received a total of \$1,234,000 in PPP. The funds were used to retain staff while incurring a reduction in school board and treatment funding.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Lead	22,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Human Resources, Risk Mgmt, benefits admin, training, payroll services, financial reporting, student data management, contract administration, technology management	74,449
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel to support locations throughout the state, training, office supplies, telecommunications, and equipment.	1,529
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	All remaining staff	793,851
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, travel, rent, maintenance	108,171
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)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

Career and job placement activities will lead to youth obtaining industry recognized certificates, improved academic outcomes, increased job readiness skills, placement in a job with a meaningful wage, and reduced involvement in the juvenile justice system and reduced recidivism.

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

Students will engage in learning opportunities that teach workplace readiness, which may include understanding personal qualities and employable traits, self-management skills, team work, professionalism, job-seeking skills, and personal finance. Students will participate in career fairs, mock interviews, job shadowing, as well as engage in mentoring and apprenticeship placements, as appropriate.

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

Students receive guidance, instruction, and support that leads to them successfully securing and maintaining a job in their local community. Services will include instruction in career readiness content, coordination of community resources/agencies that prepare youth for employment and diminish delinquent behavior, and access to job recruiters who will work with potential employers.

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



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Target population includes the following: persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, grade school students, high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, and drug offenders in criminal justice.

Funding is expected to serve >400 AMIkids students.

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

1. Quality Education: Outcome: # of students who receive vocational instruction leading to industry certification. Measure: # of students earning industry certification
2. Employment: Outcome: # of eligible students placed in jobs. Measure: Employment verifications and follow up
3. Economic Self Sufficiency: Outcome: # of students who earn certificates and # of eligible students placed in a job with a meaningful wage. Measure: Track certificates, job placement and wages earned
4. Reduce Recidivism: Outcome: # of students who successfully complete program who do not re-offend for 12 months. Measure:
AMIkids provides data to FLDJJ to can track offenses for 12 months after program completion
5. Divert from Criminal/Juvenile Justice System: Outcome: # of students who do not become involved with the Justice system while attending AMIkids or while in follow up. Measure: AMIkids provides participant data to FLDJJ to track offenses while enrolled

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?

AMIkids may be subject to corrective action plan or financial consequences for not meeting specified outcomes/performance measures.

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.

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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