



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1680

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

\$250,000 request to continue non-recurring funding to expand the Special Olympics Florida Unified Champion Schools Program to a total of 265 K-12 schools and 17 colleges throughout the State of Florida. The program brings young people with and without disabilities together to compete in athletic competitions, to engage in youth leadership and advocacy activities, to promote whole school engagement through activities that further the acceptance and inclusion of youth with disabilities, and to promote sports/play programs and opportunities for younger children with disabilities to improve physical, cognitive and social skills through the Young Athletes Program. There is both anecdotal and quantitative evidence that supports the effectiveness of the program in promoting inclusion of young people with disabilities in school activities and a reduction in harmful behavior such as bullying which result from a lack of understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities.

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	15%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	250,000	14%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,251,077	71%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,751,077	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	250,000	250,000	115	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.

Approximately 28% of project funds are from the state with the other 72% coming from a variety of private sources. There are no funding sources identified to replace the requested state funds.



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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.

PPP - \$875,000 used for payroll and other allowable expenses.

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	Unified Champion Schools Director and Young Athletes Manager salary and benefits	63,100
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Includes travel to competitive events, coaches stipends, training supplies, uniforms, facility rental costs, and expenses associated with direct funded student projects.	186,900
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 program furthers the State's goal to increase inclusion of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in schools; instill lifetime understanding in future generations of value of inclusion; reduce behaviors such as bullying; increase general physical fitness levels of children with I/DD; improve self-confidence and social skills of children with I/DD; provide opportunities for children with I/DD to participate in school leadership activities.

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

Athletic competitions (some formally sanctioned by the FHSAA) that allow children and youth with & without disabilities to compete together; Leadership development activities that bring children & youth with & without disabilities together to plan & execute public service projects; whole school engagement activities promoting school inclusion of children with I/DD.

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

Services as described in b. above are provided to students, faculty, support personnel, and family members.

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

K-12 and college students with and without disabilities. 450 students impacted in Special Olympics College programs and 216,573 students impacted via the Unified Champion Schools and Young Athletes Program and service projects throughout Florida.

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



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be measured?

Increase understanding and acceptance of young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the school community. Improve self-confidence, social and motor skills, and improve physical fitness levels of young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Data is managed based upon participation rates along with periodic surveys of young people, parents, and school system personnel to measure attitudes and outcomes.

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?

Reduced payment with contract termination for persistent failure to maintain acceptable performance

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