



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1777

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

ECHO provides a heritage and humanities instruction program for Orlando's inner city students and will educate youth regarding individuals from their community who were instrumental in the development of Central Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	50,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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	350,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Funds may be sought from the Orange County Children's Commission and/or the Orlando Children's Trust.

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

No

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



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Exec. Director Salary	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Staff, instructors, supervisors and administrators	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, marketing and promotional materials, texts, and supplies will be funded for program and students	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services will be engaged to develop and deliver appropriate curricula	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Structural changes, repairs, and maintenance will be funded as needed for the program facility	50,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

Inner cities throughout the state of Florida and the US have rich cultural histories that have been obscured and neglected by historians. The ECHO Program will educate 200 financially and culturally disadvantaged youth during the summer of 2021 and after school hours during the academic year regarding the history of Orlando's inner city. ECHO will familiarize them with sites listed in the Negro Motorists Green Book, a directory that identified places that welcomed African Americans during racial segregation and was the subject of the Best Picture Academy Award winning movie, The Green Book. The ECHO Program will combat negative stereotypes regarding inner city residents and motivate youth to achieve.

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

Youth will receive instruction on an important historic district in their community and expand their knowledge regarding the achievements of individuals from backgrounds similar to theirs who made tremendous contributions to society. PAST, Inc. will provide heritage education to ECHO participants through one on one and computer assisted instruction as well as visits to historically significant sites. ECHO staff will schedule monthly presentations by community professionals who grew up in the inner city and can serve as role models of excellence. Professionals involved in the ECHO Program will share information with students regarding career opportunities in various fields including the humanities.

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

The ECHO Program will increase verbal communication, writing, and computer skills of participants. Activities will involve teamwork and promote collaborative effort to achieve a common purpose. ECHO participants will serve as community ambassadors.

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

The target population includes students in the Central Orlando area in middle and high school.

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



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Through interaction with community role models, participants will set life and professional goals, survey career opportunities, and research occupational requirements. The ECHO program will serve to prevent drug and gang activity and juvenile crime.

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?

A clawback of funds could be considered for failure to meet deliverables or 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.

The Association to Preserve African American Society, History and Tradition, Inc., a not for profit organization governed by a board of directors.



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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**