



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1916

1. Project Title Supporting Military Students & Families in Hillsborough County Public Schools

2. Senate Sponsor Janet Cruz

3. Date of Request 02/18/2021

4. Project/Program Description

Assist Hillsborough County Public Schools in establishing a Purple Star School Designation Program (PSSDP) within their district & certify 40 schools as Purple Star Schools in FY21-22. The PSSDP seeks to reduce the school transitions burden on military families. By articulating the most critical transition supports for military families and publicly designating schools that meet those requirements, the PSSDP signals to military families which schools are the most committed to meet their needs.

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	277,476
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	277,476

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)	277,476	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	277,476	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. 277,476

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

No, there are no other funding sources available to MCEC for this project.

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

Yes



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

MCEC received an SBA PPP loan in 2020 in the amount of \$439,600 to cover employee salaries. On February 1st, 2021 MCEC was granted loan forgiveness by the SBA.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Proportional MCEC base salary and benefits (401K and health insurance) for President/CEO, SVP/COO, VP of Programs and Curriculum, and three Program Managers for (1) Military Student Consultants, (2) Professional Development Programs, and (3) Student Programs.	24,595
Other Salary and Benefits	Proportional MCEC base salary and benefits (401K and health insurance) for the Fund Development Department staff of seven (7) personnel.	5,376
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Proportional MCEC costs associated with General and Administrative activities to support the project (HR, Accounting, IT, Logistics).	11,650
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries (stipend payments) for training staff of ten (10) MCEC trainers to deliver the virtual training courses (2ea School Appointed Military Liaison Training Courses; 2ea 6-hour Professional Development Courses; 8 each Elementary School Student 2 Student Courses, and 8 each Middle and or High School Student 2 Student Courses).	34,711
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training course materials for 20 virtual trainings that include: participant workbooks, handouts, reference resources, "Starter Kits for School Appointed Military Liaisons", Student 2 Student School Banners for 40 schools, Student 2 Student T-shirts, S2S draw string bags, on-line virtual training platform fee.	201,144
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)		277,476

12. Program Performance

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

Assist Hillsborough County Public Schools in establishing a Purple Star School Designation Program (PSSDP) within their district & certify not less than 40 schools as Purple Star Schools in FY21-22. The PSSDP seeks to reduce the school transitions burden on military families. By articulating the most critical transition supports for military families and publicly designating schools that meet those requirements, the PSSDP signals to military families which schools are the most committed to meet their needs.

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

Within the Hillsborough County Public School District:

- Train 40 school staff members appointed as Military Liaisons to support educational needs of military-connected students
- Provide virtual professional development training to 1000 educators from across 40 schools
- Train 40 elementary & 40 middle/high schools to stand up their own campus-based Student 2 Student peer support program



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

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

The Hillsborough County Public School education professionals (teachers, counselors, administrators). Military families residing in Hillsborough County and District 18 Military-connected students in elementary, middle, and high school within the HCPS District.

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

Hillsborough County Public Schools will have implemented the PSSDP & certified 40 schools as Purple Star Schools (PSS) in FY21-22. The PSSDP signals to military families which schools are the most committed & best equipped to meet their unique needs. PSS will be able to demonstrate a cultural competency for supporting military families & serve as a beacon for those assigned to the Tampa area. MCEC will conduct a survey of the 40 PSS's 6 months after certification:

- How would they rate the impact of the PSSDP on the school overall?
- How would they rate the academic development of military students at their school now that Purple Star Supports are their school now that Purple Star Supports are offer?
- How would they rate the social-emotional development of military students at their school now that Purple Star Supports are their school now that Purple Star Supports are offer?

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?

MCEC will accept the standard penalties from the contracting agency for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures. Additionally, MCEC will return any unused funds if it is unable to complete the above described deliverables.

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