



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1009

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To provide and expand after school programs for underprivileged children in the communities of Sweetwater and the South Miami Height. Our goal is for no child to stay behind because of lack of funds. Our most important program is to provide free tutoring for any child from first through twelfth grades. For our tutoring program, we partner with the FIU Honors College students. We reward the students that attend the tutoring programs by allowing them to join any one of our three current programs promoting "Education through Physical Fitness". The three programs are: Taekwondo, Dance and Archery. We would also start providing a fourth program with music.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	447,090
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>447,090</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	447,090	79%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	120,000	21%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>567,090</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22		173,292	110	Yes

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.

Other private corporate donations.

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



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

\$20,325.42. Used to pay salaries.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Exec.Director-Overall Management of all personnel and programs including evaluations.	57,054
Other Salary and Benefits	Deputy Director-oversees and manages the contracted personnel on a daily basis. Plus main instructor of Taekwondo & archery programs.	44,782
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	An Administrative assistant for each of our two centers-responsible for record keeping, calls, front desk, misc. assignments ,etc..	43,832
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program equipments, office & program supplies, advertising, competition fees, floor top replacement, location rent, utilities, laptops, educational materials, background screening, misc repairs	202,486
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted instructors for Tutors, Taekwondo, Dance, Archery, Music, Cleaning.	98,936
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>447,090</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

To be able to provide free or very low cost sports and educational programs that will instill confidence, promote fitness, health and discipline, impart skills and help propel the area's children and their families towards Educational and Financial Success. To enable the under served youth and families of the City of Sweetwater and South Miami Heights to have an equal opportunity as other children do to get ahead in life.

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

For children from K-12 Grades: After school Tutoring, Taekwondo, Archery, Dance, Piano classes and College S.A.T. prep classes. These activities will now be offered as we expand our programs into South Miami Height as well.

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

Tutoring: Nearly 100 students with one teacher. We have volunteer students from FIU Honors college helping with tutoring but, since they come on a volunteer bases, we cannot demand their presence. NEED: 1 Assistant teacher. We have some old computers with old educational programs, NEED: 3 new laptops with new programs and additional memory. This will enable these students to develop their computer savvy. College SAT prep classes. NEEDS: Teacher and prep books. Physical Education programs:Taekwondo-40 athletes (10 in competition team) with one instructor. NEEDS: Asst. Instructor, athletes protective gear & eqpt. As we are expanding, we have a need for Instructors in each program stated above plus funding for 3 competitions. Dance-30 dancer(10 in competition team) NEED: Asst. teacher 7 funds for uniform and 2 competitions. Archery-35 archers w/1teacher. NEEDS: Asst teacher & eqpt. Music-Needs: 2 teachers & instruments. NEED: New proper multi-purpose removable safety floor for TWD/Dance.

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

Children from 3-18 years old. Underserved and or at risk youth, economically disadvantaged from the Sweetwater, South Miami Height and their surrounding communities. We expect to serve in excess of 400 children.



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

Overall, to give economically disadvantaged children the same educational and physical fitness granted to any child. Our free tutoring program enables parents to afford for their children a private tutor with additional instructions or educational guidance. Success is measured with their academic improvement. Our 3 educational through physical fitness programs (Taekwondo, Dance, Archery) are designed to improve physical and mental health, self discipline, improve motor skills, self esteem and confidence. Although it is difficult to measure outcome, we base much of the success w/our retention rates & results from local & state competitions. Also, for students w/discipline problems at home or school, we measure conduct improvement. Our upcoming music program(piano/guitar) aims to extend these same benefits to musically-inclined children in our community.

**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?**

We will maintain statistics and benchmarks on accomplishments and we can discuss with the department of education if we not not meet expectations of monies to be returned.

**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