



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1646

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This project would provide direct and indirect support to residents with autism and developmental disabilities who have communication difficulties. Direct services will include specialized assessments for assistive technology; training for families and service providers; and visual support tools for communication, self-regulation, behavior and independence. Indirect services include public education and awareness building events, and technical assistance to schools, health care and community organizations.

Services will be provided by using community support extenders to the existing NSU staff to provide the direct and indirect services.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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 2022-2023	300,000	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.

NSU currently receives funding as a subcontractor to University of Miami through the CARD system. These requested funds are to enhance the services provided through that network.



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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.

NSU received \$17,854,287 from HEERF I, II and III that was for direct student aid; NSU received \$22,089,642 from HEERF I, II and III that was for institutional aid; NSU received \$2,980,489 from HEERF I, II and III as a minority serving institution; NSU received \$194,222 for telehealth; NSU received \$4,410,023 from the CDC to study the long term health effects on persons who contracted COVID.

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	Professional staff to provide project management and supervise the activities of the extenders	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used to pay for community support extenders to enhance the capacity of the NSU Speech Language Pathology program, including the NSU Card Center housed in that department	200,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

To enhance the services provided to individuals who have autism or developmental disabilities and improve and increase the available service currently available.

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

Funds will be used to develop a Community Support Extender program to enhance the existing services provided through NSU's CARD center. Their their support, enhanced services can be offered across the lifespan allowing for continuity of care.

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

Specialized assessments for augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)
 Parent training to support language development
 Training on AAC and other assistive technology

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

Persons with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities, pre-K to university students and families of individuals with developmental disabilities



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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?

1. Improved physical and mental health of individuals with developmental disabilities
2. Improved access to appropriation educational programs and services for students with disabilities
3. Improved ability for persons with disabilities to access workplace supports and services
4. Increased knowledge and skills for Speech Language Pathology graduates to prepare to serve children and adults with developmental disabilities

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?

Return of funds to the state.

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