



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1672

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Institute for Charter School Innovation will provide state wide support and assistance to all charter school stakeholders in an effort to improve the states charter school authorization process and practices.

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	1,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,000,000

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)	1,000,000	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	1,000,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

N/A

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

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



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MDC received \$52,161,213 in U.S. Department of Education (USDE), CARES Act, Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. As mandated by USDE, \$24,537,369 of these funds were disbursed directly to students. Remaining funds provided financial incentives for enrollment.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary for a full time program director	160,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Benefits of a full time program director	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage and travel for project head to promote MDC as go to for Charter School Institute	4,772
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries of Chief Program Officer, Chief of Staff and other staff	275,228
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office furniture, office equipment, office supplies and workshops	315,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Educational and HR experts to develop training on best practices	215,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	N/A	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,000,000

12. Program Performance

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

To create a state resources of best practices for charter school application, provide charter school training and technical assistance. Conduct applied research of policy and practices related to charter schools, and disseminate information regarding research-based charter school best practices from educators in this state.

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

Improve application process and facilitate application guidance to charter schools within the state of Florida.

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

By ensuring that the application process and the renewal process of charter schools, students will benefit from a better education that best serves their needs.

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

The target will be at risk-youth, homeless, grade school students, and high school students.

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

Improve the process for the submission of charter school application, improve quality of education for students provided by charter schools. Increase the number of Florida College System Institution sponsoring charter schools. The outcome will be measured by the increase of charter schools and the student attending the charter schools. A decrease in number of charter schools application that are currently denied or not renewed.

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?



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Discontinue the program

- 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.**

Miami -Dade College is the owner and operator of the Freedom Tower.



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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