



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1761

1. Project Title Ari J. Arteaga Foundation - BE THE LIGHT Scholarships

2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request 11/19/2021

4. Project/Program Description

To provide scholarships for students, who exemplify Ari's unique light and characteristics, and who demonstrate financial need after exhausting all other funding resources, so that they may attend private high schools with an emphasis on a Christian education; provide financial support beyond high-school and into higher education; and provide assistance to these students (and their families) should they experience an unforeseen event or hardship.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	47%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	40,000	7%
Other	250,000	46%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	540,000	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. 250,000

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

Fundraising activities

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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	50 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 per student.	250,000
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)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

To provide scholarships for students, who exemplify Ari's unique light and characteristics, and who demonstrate financial need after exhausting all other funding resources, so that they may attend private high schools with an emphasis on a Christian education; provide financial support beyond high-school and into higher education; and provide assistance to these students (and their families) should they experience an unforeseen event or hardship.

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

The Foundation will provide 50 scholarships in the amount of \$5,000 each to students who demonstrate financial need and or medical hardship that has negatively impacted the family's financial situation. They must also achieve high academic standards and complete community service coordinated by the Foundation.

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

The Ari Arteaga Foundation provides scholarships for students who demonstrate financial need so that they may attend private high schools with an emphasis on a Christian/Catholic education. Builds student leaders through its BE THE LIGHT Clubs in seven private high schools. It organizes community service activities that helps students serve other less fortunate members in the community.

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

The target population is high school students. 25-50 students are expected to be served.

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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Students are required to apply for all available financial aid prior to applying to the Foundation for funding assistance. They must also maintain a 3.0 average, have good conduct, and not have missed more than four days of school in any academic year. They must provide two letters of recommendations, proof of their community service hours and extracurricular activities, and a personal essay.

The school must verify that the student has achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0., has good conduct, completed their community service hours, participated in extracurricular activities, and not missed more than four days of school. If in the senior year, the school must also report what university the student will be attending upon graduation. The school works closely with the Foundation to monitor the progress and successes of the student.

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

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