



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1766

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Legal Scholars Pipeline Program (LSPP) will increase the number of Black lawyers and judges and add to the development of all aspects of law and public policy in Miami-Dade County. The LSPP will begin at the high school level to build college readiness, followed by a 3-year enrollment at FMU, followed by a 3-year enrollment at St. Thomas Law School, for completion of an undergraduate and law degree in 6 years. Requested funds will support programming activities for participants.

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	57,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>57,000</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)	57,000	29%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	138,000	71%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b>	<b>195,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

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.

CARES: \$21 million (disbursed in 3 pots) - Funds were used directly for students, tuition assistance, PPE, technology (online learning), etc.

#### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Marketing, promotion and supplies for curricular programming and mentorship engagements	7,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Interns to support the FMU LSPP Program Director and FMU LSPP Administrative Assistant and provide mentoring to Level 1 participants in the form of mentoring and serve as peer mentors to Level 2 participants	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Programming for co-curricular programming and mentorship engagements for FMU LSPP participants at all levels and travel to area/regional professional conferences and/or meetings.	30,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>57,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

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

LSPP funds will be dedicated to serving high school students from Miami-Dade County who will enroll in FMU and, eventually, St. Thomas University Law School and will go on to serve the legal community in Miami-Dade County.

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

The LSPP will provide educational and mentoring services for Miami-Dade high school students, college students, and law school students, who through legal training and experience will serve the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

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

<25  
High school students  
University/College students

##### 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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Improve quality education: The LSPP is in its initial implementation stages. The initial measure of program success will be the institution, at the high school and college (FMU) levels, of the entry and programmatic requirements to begin the process of enrolling and training the next cadre of Black lawyers and judges in Miami-Dade County. Formalization of entry criteria and selection of students for entry, at the high school and FMU levels, into the LSPP with a goal of, depending upon the extent of funding secured, enrolling up to 15 scholars per year.

**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?**

None

**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.**

None



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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