

The Florida Senate Local Funding Initiative Request Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2338

1. Project Title	Lil' Abner Foundation
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2. Senate Sponsor Ana Maria Rodriguez

3. Date of Request	02/28/2023
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4. Project/Program Description

To provide comprehensive afterschool programs that focus on promoting fitness, health and discipline amongst students from K-12 ages. The foundation serves over 200 underprivileged families in a largely minority & multi-cultural area within Miami-Dade and Orange County (to initiate in 2024). In addition to after school programs, the foundation also hosts an annual Thanksgiving day bash, Law Enforcement & First Responder recognition week, and field trips to theme parks for terminally ill children.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Education

State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	525,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	525,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage	
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	525,000	79%	
Matching Funds			
Federal	0	0%	
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%	
Local	91,320	14%	
Other	44,000	7%	
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	660,320	100%	

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Amo	ount	Specific	Vetoed	
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #		
2022-23	0	447,090	104	Yes	

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

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Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 525,000

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

Local Funds

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

No



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

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

- 11. Status of Construction
 - a. What is the current phase of the project?

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- b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?
- c. What is the estimated start date of construction?
- d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
- 12. List 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Retain existing Executive Director who oversees overall management of all staff, after school programs and operating budget.	64,568
Other Salary and Benefits	Deputy Director-oversees and manages the contracted personnel on a daily basis. Department Director is also the instructor of Taekwondo & archery programs.	50,363
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Administrative assistant for each of our two centers, responsible for record keeping, calls, and front desk.	46,267
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Program equipment, office & program supplies, advertising, competition fees, floor top replacement, location rent, utilities, laptops, educational materials, background screening, miscellaneous repairs.	295,802
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Instructors for after-school programming (Dance, Archery, Music, Taekwondo)	68,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Majo	r Renovation:	
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (m	ust equal total from question #6)	525,000

14. 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?

A comprehensive after school care program that will provides various educational, cultural and physical activities for under served minority children ranging from grades K through 12. Thanksgiving day bash that serves the students families and celebrates a diverse cultural community. The Foundation sponsors an annual field trip to Florida theme parks for students with terminal health conditions.

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

Daily After school tutoring for children from K-12: Taekwondo 3 days a week : Archery 2 days a week. High School SAT Prep: Dance classes for all ages 3 days a week. Self defense classes 3 days a week. Piano classes 2 days a week.

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

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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?

Our programs helps improve quality of education, physical and mental health, and provides cultural enrichment opportunities while helping reduce substance abuse. Physical Exercise improves mental health and drastically improves health conditions like depression and anxiety. Music, dance and sports reduces stress. Traveling with children from minority and underserved areas to new cities for competitions, field trips and other cultural events, we are exposing them to new experiences and expanding the cultural knowledge. Our after school-tutoring program allows students to receive a one on one learning experience; they focus on specific subjects that they may be struggling with. Our SAT/College prep tutoring helps students maximize their potential and prepare them for college. Children's report cards will be a measuring tool. When you offer children an opportunity to participate in educational and sports activities, you reduce the chances of a child exposure to illegal substances

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 records on benchmarks of all student progress and accomplishments, as well as individual goals for teaching staff and support personnel. Failure to accomplish goals will result in internal corrective action plan and return funds to the Department of Education.

15. Requester Contact Information

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16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	Lil' Abner Foundation	

b. Municipality and County	Miami-Dade, Orange

c. Organization Type



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□Non Profit 501(c	:)(4)			
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University or Co	llege			
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