



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3310

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Florida International University Cuban-American Studies Institute aims to continue to offer 200 Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers a 5 day professional development opportunity enhancing their knowledge and skills to teach Cuban-American Studies.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	200,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	93%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	5,648	3%
Other	8,800	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	214,448	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	152,000	99	No

9. **Is future-year 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.**

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits	In-Service Reimbursement 100 (amount of stipend) X 200 (teachers) x 5 (days); includes fringes and benefits	125,310
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Instructional materials in support of all professional learning opportunities	64,690
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds for content experts; \$1000 (amount of stipend) x 2 (content experts) x 5 (days)	10,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		200,000

13. Program Performance

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

Provide funding to continue the annual Cuban-American Studies Institute for 5 days of Professional Development for teachers established by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and implemented in partnership with Florida International University.

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

5 days of In-Service for teachers, pedagogical assistance, content experts, and hospitality/facilities rental.

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



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In partnership with FIU, the institute will increase M-DCPS' teachers' capacity to understand Cuban-American studies, political/economic history that has influenced Cuba, Miami, and Florida, and the struggles of victims of communism ultimately improving student outcomes in their U.S. Gov. courses.

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

The target population includes 200 high school Social Studies teachers.

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

The expected outcome and benefit of this project are to enrich the cultural experience and improve the quality of education for students to learn about Cuban-American History as part of their U.S. Government classes. This outcome will be measured through formal evaluations and surveys that teachers, students and parents will complete.

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 in the contract?

Denial of future funds.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No



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No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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) School Board of Miami-Dade County

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.