



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Destination Graduation Program – CareerSource Southwest Florida

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kathleen Passidomo

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/13/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Destination Graduation In-School Youth Drop-Out Prevention Program

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
500,000		500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	1,715,933	77.4%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	1,715,933	77.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,215,933

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2014-15

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

To help decrease the high school drop-out rates as they negatively impact the economic and workforce development needed to build a thriving region/state capable of competing in a global economy. To fund mentor salaries for the Destination Graduation Program at 15 high schools. Destination Graduation Mentors, provide service and support to the students and their parents. They not only become advocates for the group of students at our assigned school, they become part of that school's community and academic team

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

In addition to mentoring, they provide homework assistance, study skills training, tutoring, workforce education skills and work experience placements. Graduation with a standard High School diploma is the main goal of the program; however each participant has the ability to achieve financial incentives based on achieving specific goals which are strategically aligned with desired program outcomes.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	15 mentors	500,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		500,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Comprehensive mentoring and academic intervention through intensive case management.

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

To be eligible for youth services under the Destination Graduation Program, young people must be enrolled in school at one of the current participating schools in our 5 county region, between the ages of 14 and 21, low-income, and meet at least one of the six specified barriers to employment such as: deficient in basic skills; homeless; a runaway, or a foster child; pregnant or parenting; an offender; or requires additional assistance to complete their education or secure employment. Students referred by school counselors generally fall in the lower 25% of the academic ladder putting them at risk of not graduating high school. In addition to socio economic conditions and poor academic performance placing them at risk, many of these students are also victims or come from families with a history of violence. Each year we serve approximately 375 students in a 5 county region.

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

To help increase the high school graduation rate, for the at-risk youth population so that they become a positive impact on the economic and workforce development needed to build a thriving region/state capable of competing in a global economy. In addition to mentoring, Mentors provide homework assistance, study skills training, tutoring, workforce education and preparation skills, and work experience placements.

g. 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?

If deliverable are not met, a 1 yr suspension from requesting additional funds may be given.



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- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

n/a

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- d. **Phone Number:** (239)225-2500 Ext. 5231

- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc.
- b. **County:** Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**