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## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Commitment of Achieving a Creative Hope (COACH)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Victor Torres

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/18/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Funding of \$250,000 would allow us to significantly expand our COACH educational programs targeting families in need in Central Florida. Specifically, we would deliver a two-pronged educational model targeting both adults and their children residing in five target extended stay hotels/motels in Central Florida. COACH will offer: STEAM After School Programs targeting 125 children and Life Skills and Integration workshops targeting 100 parents/adults. Together, these programs will ensure that families are equipped to provide for their families, are empowered to become civically engaged and reach self-sufficiency.

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
193,900	70,000	263,900

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

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	56,000	17.5%
TOTAL	56,000	17.5 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 319,900

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

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



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- c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

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

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

Yes

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

150,000.

### 11. Program Performance:

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

Feed and Fortify Community Organization (FFCO) kindly requests State funding of \$250,000 to expand its flagship educational programs for adult and children in need, Commitment of Achieving a Creative Hope (COACH). FFCO, a nonprofit 501c3 organization founded in 2012, serves hundreds of low income families often referred to the "working poor" living in extended stay hotels/motels in Central Florida annually. FFCO's mission is twofold: We FEED individuals, families and children in need with nutritional meals while imparting an extraordinary experience of caring to those in the midst of the difficult conditions. Secondly, we FORTIFY the talents of men, women and youth in need to empower them to develop their skill sets and reach their fullest potential in society. These two pillars of securing basic human needs and providing educational programs to increase human capital, work hand in hand to ensure that at risk families have a fighting chance at providing for their families.

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

Funding of \$250,000 would allow us to significantly expand our COACH educational programs targeting adults and children in need living in extended stay hotels/motels in Central Florida. Specifically, we would deliver a two-pronged educational model targeting both adults and their children residing in five target extended stay hotels/motels in Central Florida. COACH will offer: STEAM after school programs targeting elementary and middle school children living in extended stay hotel/motels. STEAM = Science & Technology interpreted through Engineering & the Arts, all based in Mathematical elements. The A stands for the broad spectrum of



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the arts going well beyond aesthetics; it includes the liberal arts, formally folding in Language Arts, Social Studies, Physical Arts, Fine Arts & Music that each shape developments in STEM fields. We will contract STEAM experienced teachers that will ensure that lesson plans include important national and state level benchmark material.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Program Director	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Materials for the programs	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Book Keeper, Grantwriter to help sustain funding	0
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Exec Dir and Prog Dir	93,900
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curricula, Computers, Educ Prog Supplies, Printing	40,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Educators, STEAM Teachers, Teachers Assistants	60,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Purchase of Customized Mobile Unit	70,000
TOTAL		263,900

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

STEAM education programs during after school hours and Saturdays to 125 children and Life Skills and Integration workshops to 100 parents/adults living in extended stay hotels/motels in South Orlando and Kissimmee

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



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HF's and Feed and Fortify's experience with families in transition living at the Great Value Suites validates this. They are low income families and the low wage working poor that are often referenced as being one pay check away from homelessness. They are unable to secure permanent housing and live in overcrowded, substandard and often dangerous conditions. While the families at Great Value Suites technically have a roof over their head and are not defined as "homeless," they do not have permanent housing and have severely unmet needs. There are often families of five including young school age children living in one suite, essentially a large bedroom with a kitchenette and bathroom. It is the only "housing" they can afford and secure given their inability to pay market rent, gather a security deposit and use their credit for a lease. The program will serve low income families in transition living at the Great Value Suites Hotel at 7100 Orange Blossom Trail in Orlando.

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

125 low income children across five extended stay hotels/motels will have access to free and onsite STEAM programs weekly during after school hours and Saturdays for 40 weeks throughout the year. 100 adults will participate in Life Skills and Integration workshops providing them with the tools to achieve self-sufficiency, complementing our children's programs and fostering family success. FFCO will have secured a major asset, a state of the art mobile unit, that will allow us to deliver and sustain programs on site at extended stay hotels and other communities in need, for years to come. We will conduct an Intake Forms capturing vital information including demographics, educational attainment and needs of each family. We will maintain records for each family and track their attendance as this is an important measure with "hard to reach" families. We will use participation as incentive for participation in food distribution programs to increase participation.

**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?**

Should Feed and Fortify be funded, we will take immediate and proper measures to comply with all deliverables (based on actual grant amount secured) and follow due diligence, in good faith. Should we fall behind on any of the proposed activities, we will report to the proper channels managing the contract and develop a plan for recourse and adjustment of proposed deliverables as necessary. We would expect that our contract and grant amount would be adjusted accordingly, albeit within reason, if we are not able to meet the deliverables.

**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.**

Feed and Fortify, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, would remain the owner of the mobile unit.

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. Name: ZOE COLON
- b. Organization: FEED AND FORTIFY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
- c. Email: zoe\_colon@yahoo.com
- d. Phone Number: (646)729-5584

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. Organization: FEED AND FORTIFY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION



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**b. County:** Orange, Osceola

**c. Organization Type:**

- ☐ For Profit
- ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (Please specify)

**d. Contact Name:** Gloria Puerto

**e. E-mail Address:** feedandfortify@gmail.com

**f. Phone Number:** (407)907-5592

**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

**a. Name:** None

**b. Firm:** None

**c. Email:**

**d. Phone Number:**