



# The Florida Senate

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

1. **Title of Project:** Take Stock in College: Dramatically Improving Post-Secondary Completion for Floridian Children in Poverty

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/03/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Take Stock in Children (TSIC) has offered students a way out of poverty and into higher education through scholarships, mentors, and hope for over 20 years. The founders, a group of education, community, and business leaders frustrated by the large number of at-risk children in Florida not accessing higher education and being shut out of life-changing jobs and opportunities, created a simple, yet transformative solution. Students recruited in middle and high school receive comprehensive support through postsecondary graduation including: a) weekly meetings with a volunteer adult mentor, b) professional post-secondary success and career coaching, c) signing and adhering to a contract to remain drug and crime free and maintain high attendance and grades, and d) a Florida Prepaid scholarship to mitigate the financial barrier of attending college. The results for students in poverty have been extraordinary.

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? Board of Governors

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
750,000		750,000

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	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 750,000



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### 9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

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

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

\$750,000

### 11. Program Performance:

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

To increase the college and university completion rates of Take Stock in Children students statewide to 97% or better.

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

All of the 6,791 Take Stock in Children students attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities will receive two types of services. First, Student Ambassadors at every one of Florida's 40 colleges and universities will address critical barriers to college completion through on-site peer mentoring and other supports for Take Stock in Children students enrolled at that school. Second, a network of College Completion Coaches will provide robust, professional college completion services to Take Stock and Children students at every Florida college and university. Specifically, they will: a) monitor academic progress to ensure students stay on track for completion, b) cultivate partnerships with postsecondary institutions to leverage every existing program, c) train Student Ambassadors and field more difficult student challenges, d) maximize financial aid by helping students navigate the system and tap into Scholly- an online system that finds millions of dollars in scholarships.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Director will oversee the overall program implementation and ensure effectiveness throughout the state, including hiring; training and managing all staff; and communicating with state, college, and university leaders.	95,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Student Ambassadors at all 40 Florida colleges and universities will be peer mentors for Take Stock in Children alumni. Each will receive a \$1,000 stipend. Ten College Completion Coaches will provide support services to ensure students stay on track for college completion and are ready to enter a career. They will forge partnerships with public colleges and universities to leverage existing funding. A part-time Data Entry and Management specialist will set up a database and manage all student an	590,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	A one-year license for	25,000



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	<p>Graduway, a proven web-based platform for effectively engaging students online. A one-year license for Signal Vine, a text system that will enable timely messaging of “nudge” reminders (to ensure students meet key deadlines) and encouragement (which Take Stock in Children has found to be highly influential on student success). A one-year license for all participating students to use Scholly, a web and app-based system that connects students to specific scholarship opportun</p>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	<p>A Web-based Career Readiness Series will be developed that will include customized web videos will be developed by leading experts to provide students with critical information for selecting, pursuing, and landing a career-ladder job. An independent evaluation will be commissioned to determine programmatic effectiveness and identify opportunities for improvement.</p>	<p>40,000</p>
<p>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation</p>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<p>TOTAL</p>		<p>750,000</p>



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

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

Children in poverty who have completed Take Stock in Children and are attending a Florida college or university – 6,791 students in the first year alone.

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

The primary benefit of the project is the increased college and university completion rate of Take Stock in Children students which will be measured using college and university data. Additionally, the independent evaluator will select other, research-based indicators that assess if students are on the path to completion.

**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?**

None

**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:**

- a. **Name:** Jillian Hasner
- b. **Organization:** Take Stock in Children, Inc. (TSIC)
- c. **Email:** jhasner@tsic.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (786)369-5130

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Take Stock in Children, Inc. (TSIC)
- b. **County:** Statewide, Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Indian River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Saint Johns, Saint Lucie, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, Washington



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**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:** Jillian Hasner

**e. E-mail Address:** jhasner@tsic.org

**f. Phone Number:** (786)369-5130

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

**a. Name:** None

**b. Firm:** None

**c. Email:**

**d. Phone Number:**