



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** AMI Kids Apprenticeship and Job Placement Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Dennis Baxley

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/09/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

AMI Kids Apprenticeship and Job Placement Program provides follow up to the current AMI Kids Career Education to at-risk students. This program will create community hiring partnerships, resume and interview services, mentoring, and career coaching. Our aim is to give students an opportunity to find meaningful career options that prepare them to make better choices and contribute to the community. The overall goals of the program are improving academic outcomes, increasing job readiness skills, and reducing the risk of recidivism. Research conducted by JRC indicates students employed in their local communities are less likely to reoffend therefore we believe it is necessary to provide students with workplace readiness skills.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Juvenile Justice

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

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
2,650,000		2,650,000

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):** 2,650,000

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.

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.

2, 650,000 annually.

11. Program Performance:

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

The overall goals of the program are improving academic outcomes, increasing job readiness skills, and reducing the risk of recidivism. Research conducted by JRC indicates students employed in their local communities are less likely to reoffend, therefore we believe it is necessary to provide students with workplace readiness skills.

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

Students will engage in learning opportunities that teach workplace readiness which will include the following: understanding personal qualities and employable traits, self-management skills, team work, professionalism, job seeking skills, personal finance. Additionally, students will participate in career fairs, mock interviews, job shadowing, as well as engage in mentoring and apprenticeship placements. As appropriate, students will visit vocational schools, community colleges and universities, and other community experiences to increase their exposure to future opportunities and expand their understanding of potential career options. Each activity will align with preparing students to re-engage in school and work opportunities that lead them toward becoming tax paying citizens.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Back office functions to include direct payroll support and other corporate level functions including research	200,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel to support 15 programs, vocational supplies.	200,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	7 Career Coordinators, 1 GED Instructor, 7 Vocational Instructors, 15 Job Recruiters	1,650,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Student transportation (transporting students to/from home, to job interviews, and to community service), repairs and maintenance on vocational equipment, rentals (facility lease for after school vocational program), communications (telephone and postage), Instructional supplies for program sites, public utility services (water, sewage, garbage), electricity service, custodial supplies.	600,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		2,650,000



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

Students will receive guidance, instruction, and support that leads to their preparation for successfully securing and maintaining employment in their local community. Services will include daily instruction in career readiness content, coordination of community resources and agencies that prepare youth for employment and diminish delinquent behavior and access to job recruiters who will work with potential employers interested in supporting youth in need to help get them back on the right track.

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

Persons with poor mental health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, homeless, drug users in health services, grade school students, high school students, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, drug offenders in criminal justice. Not sure how many will be served.

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

Improve quality of education-the number of AMI kid students who improve grade level, credits earned, GED/diploma attainment. This will be measured by education assessments including STAR Renaissance Learning Credits earned, GED/HS diplomas, and vocational certificates. Creating specific immediate job opportunities- students will be placed in jobs, and this will be measured by employment verifications and follow up. Enhance specific individuals economic self sufficiency. The number of AMI students who have earned certificates, average number of students acquiring jobs post graduation. This will be measured by follow up services provided through AMIkids tracking post-graduation. Reduce recidivism-number of AMI students who successfully complete our programs who do not re-offend for 12 months. Nationally 77% of AMI students do not re-offend. This benefit will be measured by the DJJ requirement to submit program data for tracking offenders placed in residential and diversion programs.

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?

Not meeting the national 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Mike Thornton, CEO
- b. **Organization:** AMIkids
- c. **Email:** mat@amikids.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (813)477-4853

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** AMIkids
- b. **County:** Alachua, Bay, Brevard, Broward, Clay, Duval, Escambia, Gadsden, Hillsborough, Leon, Manatee, Monroe,



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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: Dr. Phildra Swagger, Vice President

e. E-mail Address: pjs@amikids.org

f. Phone Number: (813)477-6083

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

a. Name: Tara Reid

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