



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1376

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The purpose is to provide financial assistance to all three of the private Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state of Florida. The goal is to utilize these funds to prevent students from withdrawing from the University (stopping out) due to their inability to pay tuition and fees. Having the funds for each institution will give the students the ability to continue their education and graduate all while reducing their debt. Each University will utilize the appropriated funds to cover the gap for the current school year to prevent students from withdrawing due to the inability to pay tuition and fees. A portion will also be used to cover the gaps for the previous school years.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25,000,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="25000000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>25,000,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Funds will be utilized for the hiring of facility and staff. Not to exceed 14% of the appropriations.	0
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Each institution (BCU, FMU, EWC) will utilize the gap funding for "stop out" prevention that will help to increase the retention and the completion rate of the students. It also helps the University reduce debt by allowing the recovery of student payables.	25,000,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>25,000,000</b>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

The purpose is to provide financial assistance to all three of the private Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state of Florida. The goal is to utilize these funds to prevent students from withdrawing from the University (stopping out) due to their inability to pay tuition and fees. Having funds for each institution will give the students the ability to continue their education and graduate all while reducing their debt.

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

The services provided will be to students of each University. The goal of these funds is to prevent students from withdrawing from the University due to their inability to pay tuition and fees.

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

Each University will receive a portion of the requested funds and they will utilize that funding to cover debt for the current school year as well as a portion to cover gaps from the previous school years..

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

The target population are the students of each University. Over 800 students are expected to be served.

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

The expected benefit is to improve the quality of education for students. The funds will contribute to the successful retention and graduation of undergraduate students who have been disadvantaged by virtue of economic or educational circumstances. This benefit will be measured by the increase in student enrollment, decrease in default rates, reduction in student debt, and improve the graduation rates. Said funding will also increase or improve the economic activity

- 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?

Return of funds



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12. **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.**

none

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **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)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.