



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1769

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

Academic Tourney/Commissioner's Academic Challenge (CAC) is the official state high school academic tournament for high-achieving students in grades 9 to12. www.academic-challenge.org

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: 100%;" type="text" value="150,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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: 100%;" type="text" value="150000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="52.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="130,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="45"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="10,000"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="3"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	290,000	100 %

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: 100%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="132,738"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text" value="113"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary - 50% of tournament director - provides for supervision of all project activities	43,981
Other Salary and Benefits	Stipends for teachers to be trained in specific tournament question formats and to develop question items	32,030
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	travel for approx. 40 teams and event staff to attend tournaments name badges and holders for attendees	60,689
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	technical services (equipment and labor during tournaments) approx. 33 sub days @ \$100 each for Polk County teachers who staff the tournaments	13,300
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To provide a highly academic high school competition to stretch our most accomplished students and provide a challenging, family-oriented experience and appropriate recognition. 2) To encourage broad participation and a unique experience among top peers by defraying costs for participating teams. 3) To sharpen skills for teachers and to challenge this promising student population.

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

1. Materials and training to educators that enable them to work with students in rigorous academically focused extra-curricular activities.
2. Training to teachers with subject-area expertise to write and review questions related to state curricular benchmarks in the subject areas of language arts, the fine arts, foreign language, the humanities, mathematics, science, social studies, health, and technology.
3. Production of electronic displays, graphic displays, audio components, and live performance to aid in the presentation of questions during the competition.

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

Grants will be provided for each school district's team to assist with the costs of student accommodation and registration for the tournament. Local – individual district academic teams use materials developed by the Academic Tourney to prepare teams for local competition. Regional – district academic teams come together for pre-tournament scrimmages using materials developed by the Academic Tourney to prepare for state-level competition. Statewide – all 67 school districts are invited by the Commissioner to send a 6-member team to participate in the state competition in April to compete for the title of State Champion.

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

High-achieving students in grades 9 – 12 from each school district.
The project is expected to directly serve 350-375 students at the state tournament and indirectly serve an indeterminate number of students who participate in individual school, district and regional academic competitions throughout the year by providing participant school districts with materials and support for local competitions.

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

Florida's high performing high school students benefit by exposure to rigorous and academically challenging curricular content aligned to our state standards and the award of academic scholarships.
The tournament will increase participation by one additional district and successfully qualify for grant funding by meeting Florida Department of Education requirements for funding.

- 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?

If the contractor fails to meet and comply with the activities/deliverables established in the contract or to make appropriate progress on the activities and/or towards the deliverables and they are not resolved within two weeks of notification, the contract manager may approve a reduced payment or request the contractor redo the work or terminate the contract.



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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.**

N/A

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.