



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** The Washington Center scholarships

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 10/23/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

University student scholarships for federal government engagement

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
850,000		850,000

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	150,000	15.0%
TOTAL	150,000	15.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,000,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

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

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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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:	300,000		300,000

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

No

11. Program Performance:

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

The funds will enable Florida public university students to spend a summer or semester in Washington, D.C. interning for a private company, non-profit organization, federal agency, or Member of Congress. Students also participate in a range of leadership and professional activities. Students will leave Washington, D.C. with a much better understanding of the professional world and how to successfully join the workforce post-college graduation. The program instills in students the values of leadership, civic engagement and professional achievement. Students return to Florida ready to be vibrant, contributing members of Florida's economy and workforce. Additionally, the program will enrich students' cultural experiences, improve the quality of their education, improve their economic activity, create job opportunities for students and enable students to have greater economic self-sufficiency.

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

Students will intern four days a week in Washington, DC, take an academic course, and participate on Fridays in various site visits, lectures, workshops, and events collectively called the "LEAD Colloquium" to expand their knowledge and cultural fluency. They will also participate in numerous career services workshops to help prepare them for the job market.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		



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<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 type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Scholarships for students	850,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		850,000

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

The funds will enable Florida public university students to spend a semester in Washington, DC, interning for the federal government, Trump Administration, or a Member of Congress.

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

Public university students in Florida. We expect to serve over 100 students.

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

We administer an evaluation survey for the LEAD Colloquium every semester, which survey questions about the students' experience and will allow us to measure to what degree student experiences were enriched. Once completed, we will provide the responses to these questions so the Florida Senate may see to what extent all our students in a given semester consider their cultural experiences enriched. Since this is an anonymous survey, we cannot provide numbers for a specific cohort of students. We have also asked our liaisons at our partner universities to provide their assessment of the transformative nature of our program.

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



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 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
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