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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** FASC Housing Initiatives to Increase Homeownership for Positive Social Benefits

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Daphne Campbell

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/12/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Florida Asian Services Center (FASC) requests Local Initiative Funding for the period of 2018-2019 to support the FASC Housing Initiative to increase homeownership for positive social benefits in achieving the American Dream of homeownership through housing services and programs, at Florida Asian Services Center in North Miami, Miami-Dade County. Through strategic partnerships and community outreach, the proposed FASC Housing Initiative is to provide monthly group workshops as well as scheduled private, one-on-one counseling to low and moderate income individuals and families, who desire to be first-time home buyers seeking to achieve the American Dream of homeownership. In addition, the FASC Housing and Financial Education Programs will provide housing resources and information so these individuals and families can learn about the benefits of homeownership versus renting.

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?

Department of Economic Opportunity

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
65,000		65,000

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	77,000	54.2%
TOTAL	77,000	54.2 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 142,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- 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)
- 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?

No

11. Program Performance:

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

1) Home Buyer Education Workshops: 200 total; 20 for 10 participants each workshop 2) Housing Counseling: Counseling for 100 people 3) FASC Housing and Financial Education programs: 100 total; 2 programs for 50 attendees in each program 4) Post Purchase Counseling

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

FASC's Housing Initiative will increase homeownership for positive social benefits through housing services and programs. Through strategic partnerships and community outreach (including free workshops and educational materials), FASC Housing Initiative provides monthly group as well as scheduled private, one-on-one counseling to low- and moderate-income individuals and families, who desire to be first-time home buyers seeking to achieve the American Dream of homeownership. FASC's certified housing counselors provide sound and objective advice and unbiased recommendations to help set realistic goals with careful planning and a clear understanding of the costs of homeownership through the "Secrets of Home Buying" Workshops. After attending one of the "Secrets of Home Buying" Workshops, FASC provides home buyers with private, one-on-one sessions to help them overcome financial obstacles that may be preventing them from reaching their goals.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director (1)/Program Director (1): implements and expands programs; develops strategic plans and sets goals for all programs; also connects with local businesses, elected officials and community leaders to gain support and resources for the programs.	15,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	Office Assistant (1): ensures that the office functions efficiently and smoothly and provides clerical, secretarial and administrative support to other employees	5,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel - Training, Workshops, Meetings	1,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Housing Counselors (1): Provides group and one-on-one counseling to individuals and families seeking to become homeowners; Intake Specialist (1): performs clerical work to determine eligibility and orienting new participants in compliance with HUD guidelines and FASC Administrative Plan.	25,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Facility Usage - Electricity, Water, Phones, Internet, Security, Liability Insurance, Travel - Training, Workshops, Office Supplies - Paper, Copier Toners, Marketing	19,000



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<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		65,000

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?

Low- and moderate-income individuals and families, who desire to be first-time home buyers seeking to achieve the American Dream of homeownership. A total of 400 individuals is expected to be served.

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

The outcome of this project is that low and moderate income individuals and families will be steps closer towards achieving American Dream of homeownership by signing up for each of the activities. Through this project, they would learn more about the benefits of becoming a homeowner by attending group workshops and one-on-one counseling. Homeownership is the American Dream. As studies show, homeownership is the ultimate goal of a large percentage of the American population and represents a cultural symbol of social and economic success. To fulfill this dream, HUD and other agencies have reinforced various governmental programs to promote homeownership. Homeownership creates a positive impact that leads to greater residential stability, safer neighborhoods that lead to a sense of community spirit and a better quality of life that leads to job and wealth creation. It is, therefore, a sound investment for the State.

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?

The % of under performance funds will be returned if failing to meet 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.

Not applicable.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

a. Name: Winnie Tang

b. Organization: Florida Asian Services Center



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- d. **Phone Number:** (305)753-8791

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Florida Asian Services Center
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- 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:** Winnie Tang
- e. **E-mail Address:** Winnievhtang@aol.com
- f. **Phone Number:** (305)753-8791

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

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**