



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1254

1. Title of Project: Exploration of Culture and Humanities Options (ECHO)

2. Senate Sponsor: Randolph Bracy

3. Date of Submission: 02/06/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

ECHO provides a heritage and humanities instruction program for Orlando's inner city students and educates youth about the individuals from the community who were instrumental in the development of Central Florida.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of State

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	50,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	350,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		50,000	3121	Yes

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$400,000

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, and benefits, for program director and coordinator.	70,000



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Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Staff, Instructors, Supervisors, Administrators	100,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Technology, marketing and promotional materials, texts, and supplies will be funded for the program and students.	100,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services will be engaged to develop and deliver appropriate curricula.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Structural changes, repairs and maintenance will be funded as needed for the program facility.	50,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The ECHO program will serve a minimum of 200 youth during the summer of 2019 and after school hours during the academic year. The ECHO program will combat negative stereotypes regarding inner city residents and motivate youth to achieve. ECHO participants will develop high self-esteem, be motivated to do well in school, and connect with caring adult mentors through the weekly sessions.

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

The youth will receive instruction on an important historic district in their community and expand their knowledge regarding the achievements of individuals from backgrounds similar to theirs who made tremendous contributions to society. PAST, Inc., will provide heritage education to ECHO participants through one on one and computer assisted instruction as well as visits to historically significant sites. ECHO staff will schedule monthly presentations by community professionals who grew up in the inner city and can serve as role models for the youth. Professionals involved in the ECHO program will share information with students regarding career opportunities in various fields including the humanities.

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

The ECHO program will increase verbal communication, writing, and computer skills of participants. Activities will involve teamwork and promote collaborative effort to achieve a common purpose. ECHO participants will serve as community ambassadors.

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

The target population includes students in the central Orlando area in middle and high school.

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



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Through interaction with community role models, participants will set life and professional goals, survey career opportunities, and research occupational requirements. The ECHO program will serve to prevent drug and gang activity and juvenile crime.

- 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?**

A clawback of funds could be considered for failure to meet deliverable or performance measures.

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.**

The Association to Preserve African American Society, History, and Tradition, Incorporated, a not-for-profit organization governed by a board of directors.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** PAST, Inc.
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. **Name:** None
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