



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2250

1. **Title of Project:** Miami Children's Museum - Professional Development School Readiness

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Anitere Flores

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/04/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Miami Children's Museum (MCM) has a long history of providing high-quality evidence-based STEAM enriched programs to children 0-8 years of age and the training of early childhood teachers and caregivers. The museum will establish the Professional Development School Readiness Institute to impact over 3,000 Miami Dade County children and their respective families plus an exponential number of children statewide. In preparation for school readiness and greater success, this project will increase a minimum of 150+ preschool teachers' knowledge of STEAM content to utilize within their classrooms. The program will also be extended to the student's home through parent education and engagement. There will be a statewide impact by inviting educators in all FL children's museums, thus positively benefiting children's achievement statewide through informal, early childhood education.

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	771,925
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>771,925</b>

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)	771,925	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>771,925</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

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



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 771,925

#### 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	Director of Education will provide program oversight and supervision.	2,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Full time Program Coordinator salary and benefits. This position will also be responsible for coordinating with Florida Children's Museums. This involves extending invitations to Miami Children's Museum workshops and supporting the implementation within their own communities.	47,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Costs include: - Three instructors for program development (25 hours) and instruction (72 hours) @ \$75/hr each - Director of Education's training time with teachers - Outreaches to 150 teachers with 20 children each @ \$350/outreach - 10 Staff Educators at \$20/hr for 4 hrs per months for 12 months	344,425
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Costs include: - Supplies for museum visits and workshop - Supplies for classes - Paper for pre and post tests, lesson plans, invitations to Florida Children's Museums - Hands on materials and written resources/articles - Classroom kits @ \$200 each for 150 teachers/classrooms - Transportation for four visits to the Museum for 150 classes = 4 x 75 buses @ \$155/bus - Kits for Family Night = 3,000 family kits x \$25/kit - Supplies for Family Night.	378,500
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>771,925</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

In preparation for school readiness and greater success, the museum will increase preschool teachers' knowledge of STEAM content to utilize within their classrooms. The program will also extend to the student's home through parent education and engagement. There will be a statewide impact by inviting educators from



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all Florida children's museums to participate for free, earning them 8 hrs of in-service, thus positively benefiting children's achievement in the state through informal early childhood education.

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

Over 3,000 children and their respective families will receive the following benefits: • Children will receive 4 museum visits focused on STEAM activities by exploring the following topics: Art, music, health and nutrition. • MCM educators will visit the off-site classrooms of participating preschool teachers to model best classroom theories and practices for them to expand on with their students • Family night at MCM for parents/caregivers to gain an understanding and practice of STEAM activities from museum educators to replicate at home for their children • Classroom kit will be given to each teacher (150 teachers) containing hands-on materials and teacher lesson plans related to the following subject areas: art, music, health and nutrition • Family kit (3000 families) with literacy materials containing hands-on materials and projects related to the following subject areas: art, music, health and nutrition • 8 hrs of professional development for 150 early childhood teachers.

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

Over 3,000 children and their respective families will receive the following benefits: • 4 Museum visits focused on STEAM activities by exploring the following topics: art, music, health and nutrition. • MCM educators will visit the off-site classrooms of participating preschool teachers to model best classroom theories and practices for them to expand on with their students • Family night at MCM for parents/caregivers to gain an understanding and practice of STEAM activities from museum educators to replicate at home for their children • 8 hrs of professional development for 150 early childhood teachers.

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

Target population: Children and families from low-income / under-served communities and the educators who work within these communities. Number served: Over 3,000 children and their respective families, plus 150 Early childhood educators.

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

75 percent of the 3,000 parents/caregivers served will increase: • knowledge of strategies and techniques that will help their child continue developing in oral and written language and communication skills aligned with Florida early learning standards • literacy and critical thinking skills • vocabulary, print knowledge, and phonological awareness. All areas are aligned with Florida early learning standards. These results will be measured through pre/post testing. 85 percent of the 150 teachers served will increase: • knowledge of strategies and techniques that will help their child continue developing in oral and written language and communication skills • literacy and critical thinking skills • vocabulary, print knowledge, and phonological awareness. All areas are aligned with Florida early learning standards. These results will be measured through pre/post testing.

**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?**

Standard contract penalties.

**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.**



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Does not apply.

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#### 14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Miami Children's Museum
- 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)
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