



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1059

1. **Project Title** Take Stock in College: Dramatically Improving Post-Secondary Education

2. **Senate Sponsor** Manny Diaz

3. **Date of Request** 09/23/2019

4. **Project/Program Description**

Over 5,000 Take Stock in Children scholars attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities will receive two types of services. First, Student Ambassadors at every one of Florida's 40 colleges and universities will provide them with peer mentoring and other supports to keep them on-track for completion. Second, Take Stock in Children scholars at all 40 Florida colleges and universities will receive support from a College Completion Coach (Post-secondary Resource Specialists). Specifically, they will receive: a) monitoring of their academic progress to ensure they stay on track for completion, b) the benefit of being connected to existing college and university resources, c) receiving financial aid guidance and navigation support, and d) career readiness skills building through in-person coaching and a library of expert web-based courses.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Board of Governors

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	850,000

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)	850000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	850,000	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		
2019-20	00	850,000	166A	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 850,000



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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	Project Director will oversee the program and ensure effectiveness throughout the state, including hiring; training and managing all staff; and communicating with state, college, and university leaders.	90,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Student Ambassadors at all 40 Florida colleges and universities will be peer mentors for Take Stock in Children students. Each will receive a stipend. Six College Completion Coaches (Post-secondary Resource Specialists) will provide support services to ensure students stay on track for college completion and are ready to enter a career. A part-time Data Entry and Management specialist will manage student and programmatic data. A part-time Financial Aid Specialist will help maximize awards.	355,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	One-year subscription to National Student Clearinghouse. One-year license for Graduway, a proven web-based platform for effectively engaging students online. One-year license for Signal Vine, a text system that will enable timely messaging of "nudge" reminders and encouragement. TSIC STAR database enhancements to track student performance data. Travel for staff to and between colleges and universities.	155,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Local program (statewide) mini-grants to facilitate the transition from high school to post-secondary education by trusted Take Stock in Children affiliate staff. An independent evaluation will be conducted to determine programmatic effectiveness and identify opportunities for improvement.	250,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		850,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Over 5,000 Take Stock in Children scholars attending Florida's 40 colleges and universities will receive two types of services through the Take Stock in College Project. First, Student Ambassadors at each of Florida's 40 colleges and universities will address critical barriers to college completion through peer mentoring and other supports for Take Stock in Children scholars enrolled at that school. Second, a network of College Completion Coaches (Post-secondary Resource Specialists) will provide robust, professional college completion services to Take Stock and Children scholars at each of Florida's 40 colleges and universities. Specifically, they will: a) monitor academic progress to ensure scholars stay on track for completion, b) cultivate partnerships with post-secondary institutions to leverage every existing program, c) train Student Ambassadors and field more difficult scholars challenges, d) maximize financial aid by helping scholars navigate the system, and e) build career re

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

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

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

More than 5,000 Take Stock in Children Scholars; this includes economically disadvantaged persons, at risk youth, homeless, and university/college students

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

Increased college and university graduation rate (from 68% to 95%) for Take Stock in Children student/scholars (all of whom come from families in poverty) through the Take Stock in College program. Student/scholars will be able to fully realize the investment by the state of Florida in public education from early learning to post-secondary degree attainment by graduating students who are career ready to contribute to Florida's workforce and economy. The method for increasing and improving Florida's economic activity through our Take Stock College program (all low-income, at-risk and underrepresented students) will be measured by educational and economic indicators. The state of Florida gets a projected 1500% return on investment per student (or a projected benefit of \$300,000 per student savings to the state over the student's lifetime) from higher taxes collected, public health savings, criminal service savings, and welfare savings.

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?

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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.

none

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.