



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1597

1. Project Title 2. Senate Sponsor 3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The City of Delray Beach requests \$20,000 matching funds to purchase summer reading packets from Scholastic to distribute to low-income children to help prevent summer reading slide. Currently the City and its non-profit partners raise approximately \$20,000 each year to purchase books for VPK, Kindergarten and first grade students. The matching dollars will allow books to be purchased for all students (approximately 1,800) attending VPK – 3rd grade. Prior to COVID, only 38% of Delray Beach students were proficient readers by 3rd grade and 94% live in Poverty. One can only assume those number have increased over the past year due to COVID and issues with distance learning. The City has a unique data sharing agreement with the School District of Palm Beach County to track students longitudinally and have been collecting summer reading data over the past 8 years. The data proves summer reading slide has been abated and actual learning gains have been achieved through book distributions.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Operations | 20,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 20,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percentage |
|--|---------------|-------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 20,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 20,000 | 50% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 | 40,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

No

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|---|---------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | One hundred percent of the funds will be to purchase books for distribution to children | 20,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 20,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

The specific goal of the funds is to purchase books to be distributed to low income children over the summer to help prevent the summer reading slide and to make up lost ground from distance learning due to Covid-19. The books will be purchased from Scholastic and include five leveled books with activity sheets, writing journal, and colored pencils. These materials help the child with reading, content, vocabulary and to learn necessary sight words for comprehension.

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

The City will work with the principals, summer camp providers and the library to provide support activities such as storybook hours, video tutorials showing parents how to use the resource materials and provide instructions to children on how to use the activity sheets. In addition, the City will consider a writing contest to encourage the students to write their own stories in the provided journal to help with their writing skills.

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

One hundred percent of the funding will be used to purchase books and distribute to citizens. The City will incur the cost the costs of a staff person to oversee the purchase of the books, distribution and management of the support activities.

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

The target population is pre-school through 3rd grade and we anticipate the funding will allow us to serve approximately 1,700 children

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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The expected benefit of the distribution of books and activities will enhance reading skills that have been diminished by COVID and keep children at grade level and not fall behind. Reading also helps stop stem summering learning slide which can be compounded this summer with COVID. The City has a data sharing agreement with Palm Beach County school District and they measure spring diagnostic test with fall diagnostic test to measure summer learning.

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 the contract?

The City will be responsible for the purchase and distribution of the books therefore it is not anticipated there will be a failure in meeting the deliverables.

13. 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.

There is no capital outlay for this project. The funding will be used to purchase materials for children



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number