



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2002

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

4. Project/Program Description

Centro Mater is the backbone to over 600 families in the East Little Havana community with children 0-12 years of age. So many people reach out us for help, guidance, and assistance. State funding is requested to provide an immersive after school/school recess program that will aim to reduce the learning loss of this school year and enhance the social-emotional state of the children that have been impacted by this pandemic. Also, there will be a strong parental component in which parenting courses, and trainings will be offered to support and strengthen the family unit. The school recess program will be open from 7am to 6pm, Monday-Friday. The after school program is open from 2pm to 6pm, Monday-Friday. Field trips, 3 meals, materials, and enhancement programs (literacy, art disciplines) are all part of this initiative. This will be offered at NO COST TO THE FAMILIES. Centro Mater Afterschool Program is the only program that attained the prestigious National Accreditation in Florida.

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	153,480
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	153,480

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)	153,480	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	39,000	15%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	58,500	22%
Other	12,000	5%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	262,980	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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Program will seek donations from private donors/foundations that might be interested in supporting the project; however, it is highly unlikely funding will be obtained. If this was to be the case, the program will have to cease operations.

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

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

Program received funds through our Federal Head Start Program allocation. We received \$75,000 to purchase PPE supplies, laptops, tablets for all the children, hand sanitizers, air purifiers, etc.

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	Teachers that will participate in the Immersive Project for the duration of the camp (8 teachers X 52 weeks X \$280/week. These teachers will receive training on the implementation of Artistic Techniques to assure continuity.	116,480
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Educational Materials to be used by 100 children for the 52-week program (100 participants x \$150 each).	15,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contract with Professional Artists to provide full spectrum of the arts: Music, Theater, Visual Arts, and Literature (52 weeks x \$400/wk) This includes 5 different professional artists x 2 classes/week x \$40/hour per artist = \$20,800. Parent Trainings at \$200/training x 6 trainings/year = \$1,200.	22,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		153,480

12. Program Performance

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

The goal is to provide programs and services that assure optimal educational opportunities for all children regardless of race, creed, religious affiliation, national origin, disability, or gender. By assisting with the educational needs of children, providing quality services, and referrals to needed resources, we can support the extended families. State funding is requested to provide an immersive after school/school recess program that will aim to reduce the learning loss of this school year and enhance the social-emotional state of the children that have been impacted by this pandemic. Also, there will be a strong parental component in which parenting courses, and trainings will be offered to support and strengthen the family unit.

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



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The program will utilize a combination of: research-based curricula, reading support, activities, tutoring, homework assistance, in-service trainings, and differentiated instruction that responds to the needs, levels, interests and abilities of students. Additionally, Centro Mater will be offering field trips, 3 meals, materials, and enhancement programs (literacy, art disciplines) as part of the initiative. The common denominator in all activities is to reduce the learning losses of the children during this school year. Trainings provided for the families include: Job Preparation, Life Skills, Domestic Violence Awareness, Effective Parenting, Child Emotional Health, Food Safety, Health & Safety Prevention at Home, Promoting Literacy, and Child School Transitioning.

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

The program provides quality services to disadvantaged children by offering relevant developmental experiences conducive to enhancing the child's potential and, at the same time, empowering and strengthening the families. Children will have the opportunity to develop and learn on an individual basis. Emphasizing diversity is an excellent opportunity to bring music into underprivileged neighborhoods in the community. The center supports parent self-sufficiency by providing them opportunities to strengthen their family unity, prevent drug abuse, overcome domestic violence, and develop parenting skills. Extending support services to parents, guardians, and families allows the families to identify their needs and establish a goal. This grant will only fund direct services as this is a program to serve children and their families. Funds will cover the scholarships for the children to attend our program at no cost to them.

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

With so many children and families needing our support, guidance, and assistance, our goal is to help children ages 5-12 years of age and their families in East Little Havana. More than 90% of the children attending our program qualify for free meals through the child care food program. More than 95% are Spanish speaking and approximately 72% were from single-family homes. Centro Mater aims to serve 100 children 10% of whom have an identified developmental delay and 50 parents throughout the 52 week program. The program will also provide trainings for all families registered.

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

Through professional and personal development programs, Centro Mater strives to empower children and their families to pursue opportunities that will lead them to success and growth. In addition, the Covid-19 crisis has caused significant disruption to children's daily lives and increased the learning loss and disparities. Our goal is to be the catalysts that enable these families to rise above the poverty level, thereby ensuring our entire community reaps the rewards. Extending support services to parents, guardians, and families allows the families to identify their needs and establish a goal.

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?

Termination of contract due to non-compliance.

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.

N/A



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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