



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2079

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

4. Project/Program Description

College to Congress (C2C) provides pathways for college students and recent graduates from rural, low-income, and disadvantaged communities to intern in Congress and launch their careers in public service. We aim to create 20 scholarships specifically for Florida college students to provide leadership training, professional development, mentorship, internship placement, intern housing, meals, transportation, and other costs related to interning in Washington, DC.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 300,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 300,000 |

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) | 300,000 | 100% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 | 300,000 | 100% |

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

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | Nonrecurring | | |
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9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- 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.



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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 | This funding will provide 20 low-income students across Florida with a 6-month training program round-trip flights, furnished short-term intern housing, meals, professional clothing, transportation in DC, and other cost associated with an unpaid internship. Curated leadership trainings include financial literacy, bill writing, constituent services, interviewing, networking, resume-writing and more. | 300,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| 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) | | 300,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Fully fund 20 congressional internships for low income and diverse Florida students. These internships will help them launch their careers in public service.

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

C2C provides flights, housing, meals, a professional wardrobe, and assists with other costs associated with interning in DC.

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

College to Congress provides comprehensive training, mentorship, and assistance with securing an congressional internship.

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

20 low income, diverse students attending Florida colleges and universities.

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

Our goal is to secure congressional internships for low income and diverse college students. Students who intern are 68% more likely to receive a paid full-time job. 90% of our alumni are currently working in public service, thanks to their internship. C2C tracks the students' internships and post-internship careers, as well as their socioeconomic status.

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?



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We will not be able to send 20 Florida college students to DC for their internship. Subsequently, they will not be able to obtain careers in public service.

- 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