



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1990

1. Project Title Breakthrough Miami Inc

2. Senate Sponsor Alexis Calatayud

3. Date of Request 12/12/2025

4. Project/Program Description

An investment of funding will support Breakthrough Miami to continue to advance a strategic growth plan to expand reach and impact in Florida, growing our newest site in Miami Dade County to serve 175 new 5th-8th grade students and preparing for an additional and new Breakthrough program/site to open in 2025-26 and toward the future capacity of 160 high schoolers from Broward and Palm Beach Counties. These expansion efforts will support continued and sustained growth towards a total capacity of nearly 2k students each year, thereby increasing Florida's young talent pool and equity while fostering the next generation of leaders.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Education

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	8%
Matching Funds		
Federal	912,250	15%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,018,363	16%
Other	3,811,834	61%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	6,242,447	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	1,250,000	1324	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction ☐ N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. List 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.

12. 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	3rd party Accounting partner to assist program and operations, 3rd party Information Technology Support & Maintenance, Office Space.	30,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program and operating costs for sites and expansion including: Program Supplies, Scholar and Teaching Fellow Transportation.	145,614
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted staffing including Instructional Coaches (Certified Teachers), Teaching Assistants, Summer Site Coordinators, Assistant Director, Mental Health Support Services (license professional), Resiliency Coach, Graphic Design and Social Media Coordinator (Scholar, Teaching Fellow, Volunteer recruitment and family communications), staff coaching & development, SAT/ACT preparation, 9th-12th Grade Programming and College Tour.	324,386
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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Funding will advance academically talented students in FL, increase college attainment and workforce readiness. Breakthrough Miami Scholars graduate high school (100%), enroll in college (98%), and complete degrees at nearly double the rate of their peers. An investment will expand our reach toward the future capacity of 160 high schoolers from Broward and Palm Beach Counties and growing our West-Dade site to a capacity of 175 5th-8th graders, advancing our goal of serving 2K Scholars annually.

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

Funding supports recruiting the new class for 2026-2027 and expansion; delivering evidence-based year-round tuition-free academic and social enrichment program; providing school options advising (uniquely supporting families in navigating school choice); expanding services to meet evolving needs of students (resiliency, mental health, and social services), workforce development and transportation.

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

Direct services are Breakthrough's evidence-based 8-year, school year and summer tuition-free academic and social enrichment program using a students-teaching-students model to increase academic for traditionally marginalized 5th-12th grade students, preparing and supporting them to thrive in rigorous high schools, college and growing workforce development opportunities for our Teaching Fellows.

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

Since its founding in 1991, Breakthrough Miami has supported over 3,000 Scholars to maximize their potential, provided unparalleled service leadership experiences to more than 2,500 Teaching Fellows and 4,400 Volunteers over 34 transformative summers. Programming leverages year-round host site school partnerships at 8 schools across Miami-Dade County and in 2025, a new Breakthrough site was opened in summer 2025 serving students in West Miami-Dade County. Acceptance into the program is based on a competitive application and interview process to ensure students are academically motivated and meet at least two of five socio-economic risk factors associated with failure to enter/complete college.

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

Breakthrough Miami will grow and foster the newest site in Miami Dade County to increase enrollment of students to 175, intending to increase our total capacity to nearly 2,000 5th-12th grade students. Increase student enrollment in advanced courses (70%), participants reaching GPA of 3.0 or higher (60%), graduating high school (100%) and enrolling in college (95%). Serve at least 1700 5-12th grade students from under-resourced communities, 160 Teaching Fellows (17-24-year-olds), 40 Success Coaches and over 400 Volunteers. Continue to provide early paid/stipend summer work experience for 180 17-24 year-olds to serve as Teaching Fellows and Teaching Assistants. Supervised by certified teachers, Fellows provide life-skills training, mentoring, and academic instruction. Continue to expand a proven needed social emotional wellness curriculum, training and programming, and increase access to mental health services for students and families.

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?

Suggested penalties if deliverables or performance measure are not met will be loss of funding and opportunity for future funding requests, any unused funds from this award would be returned to the State of Florida.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name	<input type="text" value="Lori Ann"/>	Last Name	<input type="text" value="Cox"/>
b. Organization	<input type="text" value="Breakthrough Miami, Inc."/>		
c. E-mail Address	<input type="text" value="loriann@breakthroughmiami.org"/>		
d. Phone Number	<input type="text" value="(305)646-7210"/>	Ext.	<input type="text"/>

18. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization	<input type="text" value="Breakthrough Miami, Inc."/>
b. Municipality and County	<input type="text" value="Miami-Dade"/>
c. Organization Type	
<input type="checkbox"/> For Profit Entity	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Profit 501(c)(3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit 501(c)(4)	



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- ☐ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.