



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 3612

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Miss Black Florida USA Scholarship Pageant is a statewide leadership and scholarship program that supports young women’s academic success, personal growth, and mental well-being. The program combines mentorship, professional development, and community service with a focus on emotional resilience, self-confidence, and mental health awareness. By addressing stress, burnout, and access to supportive resources, Miss Black Florida USA empowers participants to succeed academically and serve as advocates for wellness within their communities.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	250,000	50%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. Is future-year 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.

In the absence of state funding, the project would be supported through program-generated revenue, private donations, sponsorships, in-kind contributions, and competitive local and federal grant 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	The Executive Director/Project Head provides overall leadership and oversight for the Miss Black Florida USA Scholarship Pageant, including program planning, staff and volunteer supervision, fiscal management, and regulatory compliance. This role ensures the successful delivery of leadership, scholarship, and mental health, focused programming, manages relationships with funders and stakeholders, and oversees data tracking, reporting, and long-term sustainability of the program.	50,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Other administrative staffing supports program coordination, scholarship administration, contestant and volunteer management, communications, scheduling, and logistical support. These roles assist with implementation of leadership development and mental health, focused programming, community outreach, and event coordination.	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative expenses support essential operational infrastructure, including insurance, office supplies, communication tools, marketing materials, participant resources, and travel related to meetings, program oversight, and statewide coordination.	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted administrative services support compliance, financial review, reporting, and operational planning to ensure program accountability and effective use of funds.	5,000
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Operational staffing supports program delivery, event execution, mentorship coordination, and facilitation of leadership development and wellness programming, including workshops focused on emotional resilience, self-confidence, and stress management.	40,000



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Operational expenses support statewide programming and events, including venue rentals, production costs, audiovisual services, participant materials, travel, wellness workshop supplies, marketing and outreach, and technology needed to support program delivery and engagement.	80,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted services support specialized expertise necessary for high-quality program delivery. Services may include mental health and wellness facilitators, leadership and professional development speakers, curriculum development, outcome evaluation, and data collection to measure participant impact.	40,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

13. Program Performance

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

The purpose of the funds requested is to support the statewide implementation and expansion of the Miss Black Florida USA Scholarship Pageant as a leadership, scholarship, and mental wellness initiative. Funding will support programming that promotes emotional resilience, self-confidence, stress management, and leadership development for young women, while increasing access to scholarships, mentorship, and supportive resources that address mental health challenges and personal development needs.

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

Funds will support leadership development workshops, mental health and wellness programming, mentorship opportunities, scholarship administration, and statewide pageant and educational events. Activities include workshops focused on emotional resilience, self-esteem, coping skills, stress management, and professional development, as well as community service initiatives and participant engagement events. Programming will be delivered through structured sessions, facilitated workshops, and coordinated events supported by trained staff and contracted professionals.

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

Direct services provided to citizens include access to leadership training, mental health and wellness education, mentorship, scholarship opportunities, and community engagement programming for young women across Florida. Participants benefit from structured programming that supports emotional well-being, academic and professional growth, and confidence building. Communities benefit through increased civic engagement, wellness advocacy, and leadership development among program participants.

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

The target population includes young women and girls across Florida, particularly those who face financial, social, or systemic barriers to educational and leadership opportunities. The program is expected to serve approximately 100–150 participants annually, including contestants, scholarship recipients, and individuals engaged through leadership, wellness, and community outreach programming.

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

Expected outcomes include improved emotional resilience, increased self-confidence, enhanced leadership skills, and greater awareness of mental health and wellness practices among participants. Additional outcomes include increased access to educational resources and scholarships. Outcomes will be measured through participant surveys, attendance records, program completion data, scholarship distribution tracking, and qualitative feedback collected following workshops and events. Program leadership will review data regularly to assess effectiveness and guide continuous improvement.

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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Return funds back to the state.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

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):

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 Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.



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18. 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 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.