

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Spanish American League Against Discrimination
2. Date of Submission: 11/06/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Cindy Polo
Members Copied:

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					150,000	150,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No
 - 5a. If yes, which state agency?
 - 5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No
 - 5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

SALAD agrees to be subject to monitoring through quarterly performance reports and audit reviews to ensure outcome reference measures are being met. The program agrees to comply and cooperate with any monitoring procedures/processes deemed appropriate including any inspections of intake and file records. Should there be a minimum outcome/results that are not met, SALAD is agreeable to a return of any overpayment of funds although we are confident in our successes.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Erick Deeb
- b. Organization: Spanish American League Against Discrimination, Inc.
- c. Email: info@saladonline.org ; edeeb@deebgroup.net
- d. Phone #: (305)854-2663

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Angel Gutierrez
- b. Organization: Spanish American League Against Discrimination, Inc.
- c. Email: agutier859@aol.com
- d. Phone #: (305)778-1899

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: None
- b. Firm: None
- c. Email:
- d. Phone #:

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Spanish American League Against Discrimination, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Miami-Dade
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Miami-Dade

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)

- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

11. What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds being requested?

To provide meaningful access to justice through “ON DEMAND” pro bono legal services in civil cases to the escalating number of under-represented, low income individuals who do not have the financial means to hire an attorney or the knowledge to assert their own defense, and are at risk of losing their homes in foreclosure, eviction and other legal matters that endanger the health and well-being of children and families in the community.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter “0” if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Funds will be used to pay for 1-2 attorneys to provide direct services and offer additional clinics to expand services	125,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds to be applied to operational expenses such as rent, telephone, parking and mileage, office supplies and additional computer and support	25,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		150,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Based on our initiative with Miami-Dade County Law Library, we have received letters of support from our local Circuit Court Judges, from the Director of the Miami Dade County Law Library, and letters of thanks from individual members of our community who have received assistance through our organization's pro bono program.

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Director of the Miami-Dade County Law Library has conducted a study of those seeking assistance in Miami-Dade County Courthouse and have concluded that there is a documented rise in cases involving self-represented or pro se individuals who have a tremendous need for pro bono legal services and that their needs are immediate due to their limited knowledge of Florida legal procedures and law.

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

Our purpose is to preserve and ensure the equal access to justice for all individuals, and not just for those individuals who can afford legal counsel. Over the last 7 years, SALAD has an established "ON DEMAND" pro bono legal program available to the escalating number of under-represented, low income individuals seeking legal assistance and services at the Dade County Courthouse and Miami Dade Law Library for Circuit Civil and County cases.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

The services involve "ON DEMAND" legal assistance and informational clinics to self-represented litigants, to help them understand the litigation process, help them preserve their rights and affirmative defenses, and help with their self-determination to decide what is in their best interest. The services include providing legal advice and counsel, brief legal services and in some cases, direct legal representation.

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups.").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)

Other (Please describe): Low-income Seniors - many having issues with Reverse Mortgages or Evictions

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)	To decrease number of evictions resulting in homelessness; to work with the Florida ELMORE Program to help elderly in foreclosure for Reverse Mortgages secure assistance to comply with HUD guidelines for taxes or insurance requirements which also has a homeless factor; to assist with	All individuals assisted in any capacity shall have an intake form and file which are maintained for confidentiality. Cases are categorized based on type of legal action and updated periodically to reflect the benefit outcome provided - advice & counsel, brief services or legal representation, and updated weekly

	affordable modifications to keep people in their homes; and to serve as a public triage, resulting in the efficient allocation of legal resources, judicial economy, and promote self-determination.	as to status of the individual file - brief services; case resolution, and survey of intention.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Files are monitored from date of intake through end of litigation by the pro bono attorney to assist self-represented individuals. Matters are reviewed for best practices to maintain a standard for evaluation of cases/issues. SALAD ensures compliance with all aspects of the litigation process in order to preserve all rights and affirmative defenses; that each person understands in order to exercise self-determination.	All individuals assisted in any capacity shall have an intake form and file which are maintained for confidentiality. Cases are categorized based on type of legal action and updated periodically to reflect the benefit outcome provided - advice & counsel, brief services or legal representation, and updated weekly as to status of the individual file - brief services; case resolution, and survey of intention.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	150,000	100.0%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	150,000	100%	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- ≥ 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select “ongoing activity”.

- Ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M