

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc.
2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Daniel Perez  
Members Copied:

### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes  
***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? 2019-20
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- 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>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:		300,000	300,000		350,000	350,000

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? Yes
  - 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.

If deliverables are not met, money will be deducted from the total amount due to the agency as detailed in the contract.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Lesley Mendoza
- b. Organization: Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc.
- c. Email: lesley@cabaprobono.com
- d. Phone #: (305)458-2003

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

- a. Name: Lesley Mendoza
- b. Organization: Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, Inc.
- c. Email: lesley@cabaprobono.com
- d. Phone #: (305)458-2003

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

- a. Name: Jorge Chamizo
- b. Firm: Floridian Partners
- c. Email: jorge@flapartners.com
- d. Phone #: (850)980-0551

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project, 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): Broward, Collier, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach

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?

Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project's mission is to change the lives of children, individuals and families in need by providing free legal services and representation to those who cannot otherwise afford it - regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. We focus on helping victims of Domestic Violence, victims of Human Trafficking, Veterans and children. CABA Pro Bono employs a staff of 11 including 7 attorneys, 3 paralegals and 1 office manager.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The executive director is responsible for overseeing the office administration and supervising all legal services provided through the Program. The ED is also responsible for conducting outreach in the community and overseeing recruitment of volunteer attorneys to assist with the office's large caseload.	30,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits	This amount will be used to pay the salary of the Office Manager. The Office Manager is in charge of the organization's accounting and of making sure that the office's daily operations run smoothly.	25,000
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	This amount will be used to hire a marketing company to conduct outreach in the community to inform	25,000

	potential clients about our organization as well as help recruit volunteer attorneys. Additionally, this amount will be used to hire a technology support company to monitor the Organization's computer system and assist with any technology issues that are encountered. Finally, this amount will be used to hire an accounting firm to conduct the Organization's annual audit and prepare taxes.	
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	This amount will be used to pay the salaries and benefits for 4 full-time attorneys on staff. These attorneys solely work for CABA Pro Bono and are responsible for providing direct services in the form of legal representation to children, families, veterans and individuals that we represent.	240,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This amount will be used to cover court fees and other litigation costs including: court reporters, process servers and court translators. This amount will also be used to cover other program costs including: mileage when traveling outside of Miami Dade, parking, telephones/ internet and office supplies.	30,000

<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		350,000

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:

We have letters of support from the State Attorney for Miami-Dade County, Katherine Fernandez Rundle, Voices for Children Foundation, the Miami Dade County Community Action and Human Services Department, Legal Services of Greater Miami, Catholic Legal Services and the Cuban American Bar Association.

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

No

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?

We will provide free legal services and representation in various areas of law including: Family Law, Domestic Violence, Juvenile dependency and Landlord Tenant. We will be attending Veterans Treatment Court weekly and G.R.A.C.E. Court weekly. G.R.A.C.E. Court is specifically for victims of Human Trafficking.

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

Services will range from full direct court representation, to legal services with filling out documents to help the clients proceed pro se, to legal counsel and advice.

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): Veterans

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Serve as Attorney Ad Litem for foster children in dependency proceedings	When representing foster children in dependency proceedings, we request the appropriate educational placement and the educational support that the child will need to thrive and obtain the education that s/he needs to have a successful future.
<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.)	Provide free legal representation to victims of human trafficking and victims of domestic violence.	Victims are not provided with free legal services and thus do not usually testify against the perpetrator. By providing victims with legal representation, we are providing them with the support that they need to testify against the aggressor. This

		testimony aids the prosecution in obtaining convictions and keeping our community safer.
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Provide free legal services to individuals and families in a variety of areas including: Family Law, Dependency, Landlord Tenant and Domestic Violence.	By providing free legal services we are reducing the amount of pro se litigants and increasing judicial economy along with the economic and social costs associated with domestic violence and human trafficking.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Provide free legal services to individuals and families in a variety of areas including: Family Law, Dependency, Landlord Tenant and Domestic Violence.	By providing free legal services we are assisting individuals and families that are struggling solve their legal problems so that they can regain personal stability, join the work force and become contributing members of the community. The legal services that we provide empower victims, veterans in treatment court and other individuals that we represent to seek and maintain employment.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Provide free legal services to children and teenagers that have been abused, abandoned and/or neglected	By providing support in the form of free legal services to troubled children/teenagers in need, we are

	in Juvenile and Family Courts.	showing them by our actions that their lives matter and increasing their confidence. We are also making sure that they receive all of the support that they need so that they stay out of trouble as teenagers and in the future become independent and successful adults.
<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:	350,000	35.1%	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:	247,000	24.8%	Yes
5. Other:	400,000	40.1%	Yes

TOTAL	997,000	100%	
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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