

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Teach for America, Inc.
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Clay Yarborough
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? 2017-18
- 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>	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:					1,500,000	1,500,000

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 Education
 - 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.

Any ineligible expenditures or failure to meet performance measures could result in some funding being retained by the appropriate state agency.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Matthew Minnick
- b. Organization: Teach for America, Inc.
- c. Email: matthew.minnick@teachforamerica.org
- d. Phone #: (850)417-3933

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

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

- a. Name: Allison Liby-Schoonover
- b. Firm: Metz, Husband, Daughton
- c. Email: allison.libyschoonover@mhdfirm.com
- d. Phone #: (850)321-4799

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Teach for America, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Broward, Duval, Jefferson, Leon, Miami-Dade, Orange
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Leon, Miami-Dade, Orange

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?

There are currently more than 1,500 Teach For America (TFA) educators impacting over 50,000 students across Florida every day, the majority of whom attend schools in low income communities. This state investment would help TFA increase its educator recruitment, training, and development efforts, as we seek to grow the size and impact of our diverse network of leaders committed to bringing about an equitable and excellent education for all children, regardless of the ZIP code in which they live.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	TFA recruits, trains, develops, and retains outstanding educators who are committed to serving in Florida's highest need communities and critical shortage subject areas. Administrative costs that do not exceed 5% of the total appropriation.	75,000
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, rent, equipment, temporary space rental, utilities, travel, and other expenses directly related to supporting Teach For	825,000

	America's programmatic work across the state of Florida. This includes expenses associated with hosting a 6-week long pre-service institute in Miami that will create at least 100 seasonal jobs, impact nearly 800 high need students, and result in best practice sharing with local, district, and state education leaders.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	TFA staff work to identify and recruit top talent from around the country and bring them to high-need areas in Florida. TFA Florida staff then provides ongoing training, coaching, and leadership development for these educators, as well as providing workshops for parents, students, and non-TFA novice teachers from partner school districts. This specialized coaching and targeted support helps more than 1,500 educators improve outcomes for students from low-income students across the state.	600,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,500,000

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:

State Board of Ed: 8/31/16 - BoE members and FL DOE staff praise TFA and state desire to increase state funding; August, 2018 -- Orange County School Board unanimously voted to extend contract with OCPS; 8/5/19 - Duval County Public Schools School Board unanimously approved a three-year contract with TFA; Organizational backing from Bank of America, SunTrust, Wells Fargo, Florida Blue, Helios Education Foundation, Volunteer Florida, The PGA Tour, Royal Caribbean, Massey Services, and much more.

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:

A wide body of rigorous, independent research shows that TFA teachers positively impact student achievement, particularly in high-need STEM subjects. Among them: Hansen, M., Backes, B., Brady, V., & Xu, Z. (2014). "Examining spillover effects from Teach For America corps members in Miami-Dade County Public Schools" Found that TFA teachers have a statistically significant effect on their students' math achievement that equates to about 3 months of additional learning per year.

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?

Teach For America will recruit, train, and develop outstanding and diverse leaders who commit to teaching in a low-income community, leading high-need public school classrooms. Teach For America will then retain and engage these outstanding educators, building their capacity as leaders and accelerating progress for students across the state.

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

The educators recruited, trained, and developed by Teach For America immediately provide direct services in high-need classrooms and critical shortage subject areas. After an initial two-year teaching commitment, 85% of these leaders continue to work directly in education and/or low-income communities, bringing the total current Teach For America impact to more than 50,000 Florida students every single day. Many in this TFA alumni network continue teaching.

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)

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

- < 25
- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400

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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	Teach for America provides more middle and high school math and science teachers to Florida Title I schools than any state college or university. Students taught by TFA teachers demonstrate an extra 3 months of learning in math over the course of one school year, relative to students in other classrooms within their same school. Students demonstrated increased learning in reading and literacy skills during years they were taught by TFA teachers, compared to years taught by non-TFA teachers.	Data on Teach For America's teacher placement at Florida Title 1 schools compared to state colleges and universities comes from the Florida Department of Education. The increased math performance by students with TFA teachers was found in two different third-party studies, conducted by the American Institutes for Research and Mathematica Policy Research, Inc., respectively. Increased student learning in reading and literacy skills was found in a study conducted by Columbia University.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		

<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	TFA hosts a teacher training institute in Miami involving a broad coalition of partners. This training institute necessitates the hiring of at least 100 seasonal staff in a low-income community. Additionally, consistent state investment allows TFA to recruit more teachers into Florida's high-need schools. This not only fills vacant classrooms, it also results in TFA hiring more teacher coaches.	Similar to 2017 when state investment helped TFA first pilot the summer training institute, we would submit a deliverables report that details the number of jobs directly created by this project.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system	Students taught by Teach For America teachers in elementary and middle school are less likely to miss school due to unexcused absences and suspensions.	Evidence for the reduced suspensions and chronic absenteeism were demonstrated in a 2015 study conducted in Miami-Dade County by the American Institutes for Research.
<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:	1,500,000	20.3%	N/A
2. Federal:	265,579	3.6%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	259,792	3.5%	Yes
4. Local:	520,000	7.0%	Yes
5. Other:	4,850,000	65.6%	No
TOTAL	7,395,371	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