

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Florida Commission on Community Service (Volunteer Florida)
2. Date of Submission: 12/15/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Clay Ingram

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
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- 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 (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	683,133	0	683,133	683,133	683,133	0	683,133

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Clay Ingram
- b. Organization: Florida House
- c. Email: clay.ingram@myfloridahouse.gov
- d. Phone #: (850)494-7330

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: The Commission on Community Service (Volunteer Florida)
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Volunteer Florida was established in Florida Statute 14.29 by the Florida Legislature in 1994. Volunteer Florida is responsible for administering national service grants in Florida, with an aggressive focus on education. Currently Volunteer Florida administers over \$31.7 million in federal, state, and local funding to deliver high-impact service and volunteer programs in Florida.

State funding allows Volunteer Florida to distribute millions of dollars in critical funding to 33 AmeriCorps grantees, including schools and non-profits serving students across the state ? funding that would not be available to Florida without Volunteer Florida's grant-making and fiscal/programmatic oversight. For every dollar the State of Florida invests in Volunteer Florida, Volunteer Florida leverages \$31 in non-state funding.

In 2014-2015, 84.7% of Volunteer Florida's 1,289 AmeriCorps members served in an education-focused program. These AmeriCorps members mentor and tutor students, get at-risk high school students back on track to graduate, and serve in-school, after-school, and during the summer. Following their successful year of service, AmeriCorps members are eligible for a scholarship equivalent to the Pell Grant to use at Florida colleges and universities. In 2014-2015, Volunteer Florida grantees served 49,703 students through tutoring, mentoring and educational services in 268 schools. 78% of students tutored and tested improved their academic skills.

Specific target population: The specific target population for Florida's education-based AmeriCorps programs is students in grades K-12.

Need for funds: State funding is used directly as match money, dollar for dollar, to draw down federal funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (federal funder) for education programs across the state. State funding allows Volunteer Florida to provide fiscal and programmatic oversight for all grantees to ensure transparency and hold grantees accountable for meeting performance measures. Additionally, state funding allows Volunteer Florida to provide training and technical assistance to statewide non-profits and agencies, training them to recruit, manage, and retain skills-based volunteers. Funding allows Volunteer Florida to fulfill its statutory role as Florida's Commission on Community Service. As the designated Commission for Florida, Volunteer Florida enables Florida to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in funding to administer AmeriCorps funding (F.S. 14.29).

Volunteer Florida funds were approved by the Governor in 2015-2016. Governor Scott's 2016-2017 budget recommendations included level funding for Volunteer Florida (\$683,133).

Community Support: Volunteer Florida serves a total of over 45 grantee organizations across the state one of the largest consortiums of community organizations in the nation served by a state commission. The level of service continues to grow annually. Last year, nearly 50,000 students were served.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 10,644,214

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 9,352,803

Other: 0

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

Yes