

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: Nature Links for Lifelong Learning
2. Date of Submission: 01/08/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Jose Rodriguez

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
- 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? 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 <i>(If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 <i>(If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)</i>			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
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>	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested <i>(Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)</i>	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)</i>
Input Amounts:					0	350,000	350,000

- 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: Gregory Bush
- b. Organization: Nature Links for Lifelong Learning
- c. Email: publicbush@gmail.com
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Nature Links for Lifelong Learning
- 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

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.)

Nature Links for Lifelong Learning is a model set of programs addressing the largely overlooked needs for continuing education, independent life skills, and readiness for job training among young adults (18 to 30 yrs of age) with mid to higher range intellectual disabilities who are so often ignored. We involve them in various activities from gardening and cooking to videography, weather and nature studies, transportation training, oral history/story telling and interview skills, local culture and environmental science, and habitat restoration. We seek to empower our students to produce news segments and take some time to find their true interests and develop their interests and potential. Presently we have three programs in Miami and seek to expand them to other locations in Miami-Dade County and beyond. (1) Urban Explorers Program based at the Frost Museum of Science (MWF, 10-2); 12 students ? scheduled to be doubled to 24 in March session (2) Culinary Foundations Program located at the Coral Gables Congregational Church (Tues, Thurs, 10-3; and Community meal service for 80-100 people Weds evening; (8 students scheduled to be doubled to 16 in March session) and (3) Conservation Leadership Program (in association with the City of Miami, located at Miami's Simpson Park) on Thursdays. (6 students). Our goal is to start new programs in south, west and north Miami-Dade within a year. We are having discussions (and seek funding) to replicated the programs in Broward and Monroe Counties. Plans are also underway to present a statewide conference to include stakeholders and state and local government representative to address the needs of this underserved population.

Funds will be spent for our three existing programs and for outreach to underserved communities, replicating and expanding programs to other locations in Florida. Specifics:

1.Salaries and benefits: a) Executive Director @ \$60,000; Director of Programs @ \$55,000; b) Two teachers @ \$45,000: \$90,000; c) One Recruitment and

Outreach Coordinator @ \$40,000; One P/T Chef Assistant @ \$15,000

2. Scholarship funds to support enrollment of students from underserved communities: \$60,000;

5. Program assessment: \$10,000;

6. Videography/Website production: \$20,000. See our website for details of our three existing programs: www.naturelinks.net 990 Form Available for 10/2013-9/2014; 990 for 10/14-9/15 is in process of being completed.

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

Federal: 0

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

Local: 27,000

Other: 162,500

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

No