

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2017-18

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: 02/02/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Jose Diaz

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

b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2016-17

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 2016-17 <i>(If appropriated in 2016-17 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2017-18 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited. Any additional Nonrecurring funding requested to supplement recurring funds in the base will result in the base recurring amount being converted to Nonrecurring .)</i>		
	Column:	A	B	C	D	E
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 Request <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D to be CONVERTED to Nonrecurring plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E. These funds will be appropriated non-recurring if funded in the House Budget or the Final Conference Report on the budget.)</i>
Input Amounts:		150,000	150,000		250,000	250,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2017-18? 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? For example, if the requested issue pertains to services provided to inmates at correctional facilities, the Department of Corrections would be the most appropriate state agency. Department of Legal Affairs and Attorney General

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 (Please retype if same as 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

8. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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

9. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds(Please retype if same as Requestor or Contact):

- 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?

The Cuban American Bar Association Pro Bono Project's (CABA Pro Bono) mission is to change the lives of children, individuals and families in need through legal advocacy by providing free legal services to those who cannot otherwise afford it - regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. To achieve this goal, CABA Pro Bono employs a staff of 8 individuals including: 5 attorneys, 2 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. F) 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 recruiting 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	25,000

	marketing company to conduct outreach in the community to inform 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.	
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	This amount will be used to pay salary and benefits for the three full-time attorneys on staff. Attorneys are responsible for providing direct services in the form of legal representation to the children, families and individuals in need that we represent.	150,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This amount will be used to cover court fees and other program costs including: Court fees, mileage when traveling outside of Miami Dade, parking, telephones/internet and office supplies.	20,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		

<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		250,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (In Question 12, if ?h. Fixed Capital Outlay? was not selected, question 13 is not applicable)

N/A

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, the Miami Dade County Community Action and Human Services Coordinated Victim's Assistance Center 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. Describe the target population to be served. 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
- Other (Please describe)

17b. 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 all 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.	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: Foreclosure Proceedings, 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. Furthermore, by providing legal representation in the area of Foreclosure Defense we are helping to expedite the foreclosure process so that tax collection on the property can resume.
<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: Foreclosure Proceedings, Family Law, Dependency, Landlord Tenant and	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

	Domestic Violence.	and become contributing members of the community.
<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 in Juvenile and Family Courts.	By providing support in the form of free legal services to troubled children/teenagers in need, we are 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 2017-18 from all sources of funding (Enter ?0? if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total (Automatically Calculates)	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations	250,000	45.5%	N/A

Project Request:			
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:	300,000	54.5%	Yes
TOTAL	550,000	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 2017-18 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
- 1-2M
- >2-3M
- >3-10M

○>10M