

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2018-19

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Easter Seals of Southwest Florida - Vocational Training and Education for Adults with Disabilities

2. Date of Submission: 11/09/2017

3. House Member Sponsor: Julio Gonzalez

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### 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, Col. E*
- 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?
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 <i>(If appropriated in 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2018-19 <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:					310,000	310,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2018-19? 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? No

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 the project doesn't meet the objectives or a corrective action plan, the project will be subject to termination and if applicable, liquidated damages.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Jannon Pierce
- b. Organization: Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Inc
- c. Email: jpierce@easterseals-swfl.org
- d. Phone #: (941)355-7637

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

- a. Name: Jannon Pierce
- b. Organization: Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Inc
- c. Email: jpierce@easterseals-swfl.org
- d. Phone #: (941)355-7637

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

- a. Name: Trevor Mask
- b. Firm: Colodny Fass
- c. Email: tmask@colodnyfass.com
- d. Phone #: (850)577-0398

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Easter Seals Southwest Florida, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Manatee
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Manatee, Sarasota

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?

To simulate job environments in a safe and controlled environment that allows people with disabilities an opportunity to learn job tasks and encounter distractions prior to being placed on the job. This will help to secure and maintain employment. The vocational rehabilitation assessments and training can be utilized pre-field and continue throughout the duration of their career and will be made available to all agencies in our community that work with people with barriers to employment.

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 type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	Hire technical, training and scheduling staff to manage the assessment and training center and lab.	100,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Motion tracking system, cameras, projectors, curved screen processing power, software licenses and virtual reality software, lease space.	210,000
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		310,000

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)

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:

Yes, there are testimonies both from clients and businesses to its effectiveness.

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:

USF is in a contract with Vocational Rehabilitation and has studies to show its effectiveness and participant satisfaction.

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?

Assessments and training provided including mock interviews in a variety of jobs. It is customizable to our employment and job training business partners.

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

The assessment and training will assist a population that has barriers to employment by more effectively preparing them to secure a job as well as maintain one through ongoing access to continuing education training modules.

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
- 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 type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education		
<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 type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	Provide work and life skills assessments and training to adults with disabilities to secure and maintain employment.	Track the number of enrolled participants, track and achieve benchmarks.
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<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 2018-19 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:	310,000	20.7%	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:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	1,190,000	79.3%	No
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

No