

# 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: FloridaLearns STEM Scholars
2. Date of Submission: 12/14/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Cary Pigman

## 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 (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 )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:					1,600,000	375,717	1,975,717

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:

## 5. Requester:

- a. Name: Debra Elliott
- b. Organization: Heartland Educational Consortium

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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Heartland Educational Const, NE Florida Const, Panhandle Con
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Highlands
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Baker, Bradford, Calhoun, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okeechobee, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington

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.)

While Florida is making strides, students in Florida's small and rural school districts face unique academic, partnership, activity, and support challenges in becoming STEM-ready. For four years, these challenges were met in 27 rural districts through the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Project; a grant funded by the Florida Department of Education's Race to the Top Award. This highly successful project was a collaborative effort among Florida's three rural educational consortia: Heartland Educational Consortium (HEC), North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) and Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC).

Project goals were: (1) positively impact high school students' perceptions, knowledge, and skills in STEM; (2) capitalize on partnerships to maximize STEM-related experiences for participants; (3) guide participants through STEM-centric counseling in establishing STEM academic and career goals; (4) enhance participants' ability to assume leadership and participatory roles and increase educators' ability to provide individualized STEM instruction; (5) develop and disseminate the FloridaLearns STEM Scholars Program of Study, which is focused on achievement of rigorous STEM academic preparation; and (6) provide collaborative STEM learning and STEM leadership activities on post-secondary campuses. By the end of the project, the average number of students enrolled in rigorous STEM courses had increased by 14.97 percent, and project participants and their families were afforded more than 29,000 project-provided STEMming opportunities.

With funding, FloridaLearns STEM Scholars will build on its successes and expand to serve more rural students showing STEM aptitude, particularly those from underrepresented groups such as those who are economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, and ELLs. Specifically, this initiative will upscale to:

1. Expand the number of high school students being served by increasing the number of participating school districts to serve students in 33 of Florida's 67

counties, plus three lab schools and Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind. The number of high schools will increase from 53 to 71, and the number of students being served annually from 1,413 to 2,500.

2. Expand partnerships to gain additional voices of expertise and experience to ensure project goals and activities continue to be aligned to rural Florida's economic development needs.

Salaries: \$712,283

Benefits: \$187,844

Professional and Technical Services: \$479,013

Travel: \$136,179

Rent: \$21,500

Communications: \$2,160

Other Purchased Services (student information materials, UF STEM Immersion, etc.): \$300,738

Supplies: \$62,500

Computer and Equipment to Support Distance Learning Initiative: \$51,350

Dues and Fees (student registration): \$17,950

Other Personnel Services: \$4,200

Note: Programmatic Expenditures comprise 54.5% of the requested budget amount.

Note: Recurring requested funds are less than total 15-16 request because of anticipated additional funding from other sources.

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: 0

Other: 0

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

Yes