



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1313

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Families First of Palm Beach County (PBC) has partnered with Head Start Centers to provide Infant Mental Health assessment and treatment to children ages 2-5, their parents, and teachers. Infant Mental Health refers to the developing capacity of a child under 5 to experience, regulate, and express emotions, form close/secure relationships, explore their environment, and learn. The development of these capacities for young children is influenced by the safety and security of their environment and is negatively affected by trauma and toxic stress. Without the development of these capacities, children are seen to have extreme behaviors, developmental delays, and do not demonstrate school readiness when entering Kindergarten. Our program has clinicians visit contracted Head Start Centers at the beginning and end of the school year to conduct formal classroom observations. The observations are determining if the classroom environment is meeting the social emotional needs of the children.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	150,000	31%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	24,565	5%
Local	196,735	40%
Other	119,096	24%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>490,396</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

PPP - \$495,897.00 - The monies were utilized for retaining staff, paying salaries & benefits.  
 ERC - \$436,384.41 - The monies were utilized for paying salaries and benefits for unfunded positions.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning   
  Design   
  Construction   
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Supervisor for Infant Mental Health: 8% of salary and benefits @ \$83,660 x .08% = \$6,692.	6,692
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Infant Mental Health Therapists @ \$50,000 each X 2 = \$100,000; plus FICA (\$7,650); Workers Compensation (\$928); SUTA (\$17/employee) = \$34; Retirement 5% of Salaries (\$5,000); Health Insurance (\$11,603/employee x 2 = \$23,206. Total Benefits = \$36,818.	136,818
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Cell Phones for 2 Therapists @ \$50/month = \$1,200; Electronic Health Records for 2 Therapists to document client contacts and therapeutic services @ \$53.75/month per therapist = \$1,290; Travel to Head Start Centers, Collaborative Partner Agencies, and to home visits for 2 therapists @ \$2,000/year X 2 @ .445 rate = \$4,000.	6,490
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>150,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

**a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?**

The goals of this program are to heal children from trauma exposure & mitigate the effects these experiences have on development & lifelong school performance. We also aim to assist teachers with behavioral support & culturally sensitive interventions in the classroom. We provide therapeutic services in school and at home to address challenges that are impacting individual students' ability to function in a classroom setting before they enter Kindergarten, and we identify early intervention needs.

**b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Families First has partnered with Head Start Centers to provide Infant Mental Health assessment & treatment to children ages 2-5 in these Centers. Activities include classroom observations to evaluate the quality of the curriculum, behavioral management of the classroom, and identifying children in need of additional services. Play therapy, family therapy, & behavioral support are provided.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Direct services include therapeutic services for children & families utilizing evidence-based approaches, workshops for teachers to increase awareness of social emotional needs and behavioral interventions, trainings for classroom and school staff at Head Start on child abuse and neglect, participation in school meetings to assist with meeting specialized education & behavioral needs for students.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

The Infant Mental Health program target population are children (ages 2-5) attending Lutheran Service Head Start Centers and children attending the Head Start Centers run by the Palm Beach County School District. Students who attend Head Start are from lower income communities as families must meet the federal poverty guidelines to qualify for enrollment. This program will target persons with poor mental health, developmentally disabled, preschool students. This program will also serve the teachers and parents. The targeted population for infant mental health services is 50.

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

1. Outcome - Improved mental health - Methodology - Preschool students enrolled in infant mental health services will show increased social-emotional functioning, problem solving skills, and personal social skills on standardized assessment if deficits were identified at intake. ASQ and ASQ:SE standardized questionnaires to determine functioning in development and social-emotional domains. The questionnaires will then be conducted at discharge from therapy to determine if an increase in functioning was achieved. 2. Outcome - Protect general public from harm - Families enrolled in the program will demonstrate a decrease in incidences of child abuse and neglect.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

The agency will provide a corrective plan as part of the agency's Performance Quality Improvement to ensure deliverables and performance measures adhere to the contract, and as part of the agency's national accreditation through the Council on Accreditation. If deliverables aren't met, funds will be returned to the State.

#### 15. Requester Contact Information

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**



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d. Phone Number (561)318-4221 Ext.

#### 16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization Families First of Palm Beach County

b. Municipality and County Palm Beach

#### c. Organization Type

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name Julie Last Name Swindler

e. E-mail Address jswindler@familiesfirstpbc.org

f. Phone Number (561)318-4221

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name None

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number