



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1526

1. **Project Title** Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/ Workforce Development Initiative2. **Senate Sponsor** Manny Diaz3. **Date of Request** 12/03/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/Development Initiative serves low-income working families in Broward County with quality early childhood education and family strengthening services. We are the only NAEYC accredited center in Fort Lauderdale serving the entire family through a two-generation model that allows parent to maintain/advance employment and work toward self-sufficiency, through the provision of case management, parent education, and emergency assistance, while their children receive high quality early childhood education. Research has long documented the positive outcomes of high-quality early childhood education, including readiness for school, greater academic achievement, high rates of high school and college completion, lower rates of incarceration.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of EducationState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	850,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>850,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	850000	21.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	140,000	3 %
Local	45,000	1 %
Other	3,163,100	75 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>4,198,100</b>	<b>100 %</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 850,000



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**10. 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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	This funding will go towards a portion of the salaries and benefits of our Early Childhood Education staff, including Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Director of Education, and Education Program Manager.	680,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This funding will go towards a portion of expenses, equipment, and supplies associated with the Early Childhood Education Program and workforce development programming provided to parents.	170,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		850,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

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

The Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/ Development Initiative allows parents to provide their children with high quality early childhood education while maintain employment and working toward self-sufficiency. The Early Childhood Education Program serves children, ages 6-weeks through 5-years, Monday through Friday, 6:30 AM to 6 AM, with extended care. Jack & Jill's Family Strengthening Program serves the parents through extensive case management, parent enrichment courses, and emergency assistance when necessary.

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

Child component: quality education from a NAEYC accredited childcare center; on-site medical screenings & services. Parent component: required to pay weekly tuition; work or attend school 25 hrs/week; be on waitlist for govt subsidized funds; 10-week Nurturing Parenting course & other classes

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

Jobless persons; Economically disadvantaged persons; At-risk youth; Homeless; Preschool students; University/college students; Currently or formerly incarcerated persons; Victims of Crime.  
Expected to serve 201-400 persons.  
90% of parents we serve live within 175% of the Federal poverty line, headed by working single mothers making on average \$24,000/annually supporting more than 1 child.

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

1. 80% of children will meet or exceed age-appropriate developmental milestones. Children screened 2-3 times/year using Florida VPK Assessment & Teaching Strategies Gold.
2. 75% of parents will maintain or obtain stable and affordable housing. Family Assessments are administered upon a family's enrollment and annually thereafter. New assessments are compared to previous ones to track success/effectiveness.
3. 80% of parents will seek, secure, and/or retain employment, and maintain or increase income. Outcome measured through Family Assessments and pre- and post-assessments during parent education classes.

- 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 in the contract?

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12. 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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. Recipient Contact Information

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- 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  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.