



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1624

1. **Project Title** West Palm Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot2. **Senate Sponsor** Bobby Powell3. **Date of Request** 11/18/20194. **Project/Program Description**

The West Palm Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot is a community collaboration to increase Kindergarten readiness and long-term school success. The initiative will build a foundation of high quality early education for children, strengthen family partnerships and engage the community in the process of creating a strong educational pipeline from birth to Kindergarten.

This would be the initial year of the proposed pilot in West Palm Beach which spans a geographic area of 55 square miles. Two zip codes, 33401 and 33407 would be the primary focus as the data shows lower readiness rates, comparable to other high need communities in Palm Beach County. The community collaborative members would lead the discussion and efforts toward increasing school readiness and long-term school success. The Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach would support the activities of the collaborative with fiscal management, program supports and progress reports to the Office of Early Learning.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	300,000	100 %

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. 300,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits	Allocated administrative salary and benefits	22,256
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Non-salary allocated administrative costs	6,524
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Education Specialist - Salary and benefits	67,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curricula, program supplies, assessments, professional development, family engagement activities and local travel	204,220
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Increase school readiness rates and boost long-term school success for the children and families of West Palm Beach through supports to community early learning programs, family engagement and community collaboration.

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

The West Palm Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot is a community collaborative focused on every child in West Palm Beach having access to a high-quality preschool education. This collaborative would be led by community stakeholders including West Palm Beach early learning programs, the School District of Palm Beach County, the Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County and the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County. The project activities are aimed at building upon existing strengths and adding supports for participating early learning programs, the children who attend and their families.

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

Direct services include: 1) early learning program supports with an Education Specialist 2) ongoing independent child assessment to measure progress and plan for continuous improvement 3) program assessment using the CLASS for all early learning programs 4) implementation of research-based curricula 5) program materials to enhance classroom settings 6) strong ongoing connections with community elementary schools 7) training specific to pilot goals 8) family supports via family engagement and transition to Kindergarten activities

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

Children in West Palm Beach attending collaborative early learning programs with an estimate of 300 children to be served. Families of these children will also be engaged in the pilot.

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

The proposed project is focused on an increase in Kindergarten readiness rates and overall school success however there are multiple factors to reach this goal. Project deliverables include: 1) family activities to increase parental engagement and advocacy 2) provision of support services for children and families who demonstrate a need in the form of developmental screening and referrals 3) support to early learning program administrators and teaching staff with curricula, professional development and on-site technical assistance to maximize efforts while children are in program. 4) creating opportunities for early learning programs and elementary schools to dialogue frequently on the transition process and the Kindergarten/school experience 5) tracking of data related to early learning program quality and child learning gains over time.

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?

Reduction in funding



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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.