



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1939

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The goal is to rehabilitate an 89-year-old preschool facility located in a high poverty area of south St. Petersburg. The center, Happy Workers Learning Center (HWLC) has a long well regarded history of providing quality preschool, but has fallen on hard times. HWLC is one of the historic sites on the African American Heritage Trail that runs through south St. Petersburg. R'Club Child Care, Inc., is another local nonprofit child care agency with 47 locations through the Tampa Bay area.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="625,000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	625,000

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)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="625000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	625,000	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		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2017-18"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="350,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="3112A"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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 type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		<input type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Final phase of the historic renovation of the first African American social service agency in Pinellas County. Funds will complete construction of classrooms, including some demolition, classroom equipment, and furnish playgrounds and walkway.	625,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		625,000



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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 activities and services proposed include complete renovation of Building 4 at Happy Workers Early Learning Academy in south St. Petersburg. Renovation includes: demolishing the interior of the current facility; installing a completely new foundation, new floors, new interior walls, new fire protection system, new cabinets/doors/countertops/windows, acoustical treatment, new roof, new kitchen/bath/laundry equipment; plumbing work; electrical work; and installing new lighting.

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

Happy Workers will provide full day, high quality early learning direct services for up to 140 children ages 2 months to 5 years of age. Activities are based on implementation of early childhood best practices including being a licensed facility, pursuit of national accreditation, employment of qualified/degreed staff, low teacher-child ratios, use of evidence-based curricula, development of quality environments, emphasis on family involvement, and cultural competence. Comprehensive services are delivered in a learning environment that is individualized to support children's growth in the five essential domains with a focus of reducing the achievement gap and improving Kindergarten readiness rates. Services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, homeless persons, and preschool students. Approximately 101-200 individuals.

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

Improve quality of education - OEL star literacy & math tool.
Create specific immediate job opportunities - additional hires after project's completion.

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?

Reversion of funds.



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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.**

R'Club Child Care, Inc.

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.