



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1158

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Auditory Intervention for Children with Hearing Loss Program will provide hearing screenings and evaluations, as well as, listening and spoken language services to children birth to three, with hearing loss, in multiple counties throughout the State of Florida including under served/rural areas.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	875,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>875,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	875,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>875,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	750,000	452	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?  Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

There isn't any funding available that can be used in lieu of state funding.

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

No

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



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#### 11. 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	Project Head will oversee grant activities throughout Florida with collaborative partners, as well as provide direct services. A significant portion of this individual's time and a commensurate portion of salary will be assigned to this program.	20,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Staff will compile data, coordinate services for families, schedule appointments, assist with enrollment, and reports.	10,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies required include office supplies, workshop materials, and printing supplies as well as travel among grant sites throughout Florida.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultants and contracted staff are required to compile and review outcome data.	5,000
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	The program will require early intervention faculty and certified OAE screeners and therapists including speech-language pathologists, teachers of the deaf, and audiologists with listening and spoken language expertise to provide direct services to infants, toddlers, and their families.	815,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	To provide services to children in rural areas, funding is required for providers to travel to meet with families and other providers who are working with the families. In addition, natural environment services require providers to travel to meet the needs of families to provide services. Supplies required include early intervention, therapy, and mobile audiology materials.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	N/A	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>875,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The goal of the program is to expand access to audiology services and screenings in rural and under served areas. The program will provide local access to high-quality auditory-oral early intervention services for children who are deaf and ages birth to three who reside in the State of Florida. This program will facilitate the development of foundational listening and spoken language skills so that every child with hearing loss has the opportunity to learn, listen, and talk.

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

Activities and services that will be provided for eligible children will include hearing screenings, evaluations, auditory-verbal and LSLS therapy, parent -infant and toddler groups, and tele-therapy. Activities will include parent/professional training and mentoring about listening and spoken language development and technology such as cochlear implants and hearing aids.

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

Direct services will be provided by audiologists, certified OAE screeners, SLP's and highly qualified Listening and Spoken Language Specialists to children with hearing loss ages birth to three individual and small group listening and spoken language sessions, toddler groups, tele-therapy sessions, hearing screenings, evaluations, and parent/professional training and coaching sessions.



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

Up to 900 children who are deaf or hard of hearing ages birth to three whose families want an auditory oral approach to learning.

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

The program will provide families of infants and toddlers with hearing loss access to auditory oral intervention programs. Services will be offered throughout Florida, including rural and under served areas, so that these children will have the opportunity to begin to learn listening and spoken language skills as soon as their hearing loss is identified. Formal evaluations will be used to document progress IFSP goals and progress in auditory, speech, and language development. Parent surveys will be used to evaluate the overall program. Key components of the program are the identification of hearing loss, mentoring and training of professionals working with children with hearing loss, as well as, parent coaching so that the parents will become the primary facilitators of their child's auditory, speech, and language development.

**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?**

We anticipate meeting/exceeding all deliverables and performance measures provided in the contract.

**13. 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



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number