



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1197

1. Project Title Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/ Workforce Development Initiative

2. Senate Sponsor Lauren Book

3. Date of Request 02/04/2021

#### 4. Project/Program Description

Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/ Workforce Development Initiative serves low-income working families in Broward County with high-quality early childhood education and family strengthening services. Our programming has proven to be an essential resource, especially during the COVID-19 public health & economic crisis. We are the only NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)-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 Education

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	650,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>650,000</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)	650,000	15%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	159,000	4%
Local	0	0%
Other	3,417,146	81%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>4,226,146</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	850,000	84	Yes

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 750,000

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

Private funding from Foundation and community organizations.



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

Yes

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

\$532,597; Jack & Jill Children's Center used these funds for staff salaries, health insurance and rent.

#### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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.	520,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This funding will go towards a portion of expenses associated with the Early Childhood Education Program and workforce development programming provided to parents.	130,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>650,000</b>

#### 12. 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?

Parents of our children, a large percentage of whom are essential workers who have served the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, will maintain/advance employment and work toward self-sufficiency while our Center provides their children high-quality early childhood education. We serve children, ages 6-weeks through 5-years. Our Family Strengthening Program serves 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?

We offer a holistic approach to working with children and families: children in our early childhood center will receive quality education from the only NAEYC accredited childcare center in Fort Lauderdale and on-site medical screenings and health services; parents will receive case management, enrichment and financial literacy courses and emergency assistance from our Family Strengthening team.



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

Our target population includes jobless persons; Economically disadvantaged persons; At-risk youth; Homeless; Preschool students; Grade school students; University/college students; Currently or formerly incarcerated persons; Victims of Crime.  
Our program is 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 one 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 the contract?**

Return funding to State.

**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.**

the project does not include any fixed capital outlay



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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