



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Jack & Jill Children's Center

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Perry Thurston

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/16/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Jack & Jill Children's Center is the oldest nonprofit early childhood education provider in Broward County but we have evolved to serve the whole family. We serve low-income families by providing nationally-accredited, quality early childhood education, significant health services including screenings and nutrition services, and family strengthening services that break the cycle of poverty for our families. We have expanded to serve families with children in grades K-5, and need to build a new building on the land we already own to house our new services.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

Department of Education

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
	1,500,000	1,500,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,500,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?



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- d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	<b>Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18</b>		
	A	B	C
	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:			

**10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**

No

**11. Program Performance:**

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

The fixed Capital dollars would allow Jack and Jill to construct a state-of-the-art building for our families on a plot of land we own outright in Fort Lauderdale. We are serving more economically disadvantaged families for a longer period of time. The families we serve have requested that we expand our center so we continue providing community services to even more families. We have conducted a feasibility study and have concluded that we have the capacity to successfully undertake a \$9 million capital campaign and open this center on our property, adjacent to our existing center. This will give the parents and children we serve even more wrap-around services and interventions to end their cycle of poverty and meet their health needs, and we will be able to serve more families from our economically-disadvantaged neighborhood in Fort Lauderdale through health services, children's education, parent education classes, community events and by being an employer in our neighborhood.

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

We provide assistance and educate adults on case management to navigate complex benefit systems for low-income families. We provide health services and education such as a health fairs, job and college fairs, and a food pantry. We would also expand significant health services including screenings and nutrition services, and family strengthening services that break the cycle of poverty for our families. We are designing a state-of-the-art building for our families on a plot of land we own outright in Fort Lauderdale. Our model of services provides low-income families with needed services: quality, year-round early childhood education focusing on enabling children to grow emotionally, physically, and socially in a safe, caring environment using age-appropriate methods for cognitive growth.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction and costs related to building the school	1,500,000
TOTAL		1,500,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

We provide health services and education such as a health fairs, job and college fairs, and a food pantry. We would also expand significant health services including screenings and nutrition services, and family strengthening services that break the cycle of poverty for our families. We are designing a state-of-the-art building for our families on a plot of land we own outright in Fort Lauderdale.

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

We expect to serve over 200 students and employ 50 additional staff members. We touch 1,000 lives every year through our community events, such as a health fair, and parent education courses.

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

The new building would allow families who receive our services will experience greater stability in their health and will reach personal health goals. Parents of Jack & Jill Children will maintain or improve their economic stability through the services provided by Jack & Jill's Family Strengthening Program.



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- g. 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?**

No more state funding

- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

No- Jack & Jill Center is a non-profit organization.

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Jack & Jill Children's Center, Inc.
- b. **County:** Broward
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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