



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1622

1. **Project Title** 2. **Senate Sponsor** 3. **Date of Request** 4. **Project/Program Description**

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Project is a comprehensive plan created in collaboration with community stakeholders to support increased Kindergarten readiness and long-term school success. The goal of this visionary initiative is to create a foundation of high quality early education for children in the Riviera Beach community and a strong Kindergarten transition. Currently in its second year of implementation with ten early learning programs, the project is established and working towards its preliminary outcomes. Research tells us that true impacts from the project will come this year and in year three when results can be tracked across additional groups of children entering Kindergarten and those that have experienced the project for longer periods of time. The goal for year three is to continue the work started in the first two years, continuing training and implementation practices while tracking outcomes.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input type="text" value="350,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input type="text" value="000"/>
Total State Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="350,000"/>

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 type="text" value="350000"/>	<input type="text" value="100.0"/> %
Matching Funds		
Federal	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/> %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	<input type="text" value="350,000"/>	<input type="text" value="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 type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input type="text" value="00"/>	<input type="text" value="150,000"/>	<input type="text" value="85"/>	<input type="text" value="No"/>

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ NoIf 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		
Other Salary and Benefits	Allocated administrative salary and benefits	22,700
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Non-salary allocated administrative costs	7,900
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Education Specialist salary and benefits	67,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Curriculum training, classrooms materials, child assessment subscriptions, technology and local travel	103,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Reading Specialists to support literacy skills	149,400
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Increase school readiness and boost long-term school success for the children and families of Riviera Beach through supports to existing community early learning programs.

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

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Project is focused on creating a community support network that assures every child in Riviera Beach has access to a high-quality preschool education. This is a partnership between community stakeholders, Riviera 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 the existing strengths of each early learning program and adding the supports outlined below in subsection c.

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

Direct services provided: Activities and services include: 1. capacity development for early childhood programs 2. on-site support for teachers and program leaders 3. training for early learning programs that support goal achievement 4. support services for children with developmental needs 5. curriculum and supplies 6. family engagement and transition to Kindergarten activities 7. literacy supports to early learning classrooms via Reading Specialists

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

Children in Riviera Beach attending partner early learning programs with an estimate of 300 children to be served. Families of children in the project will also be served.

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

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Project is focused on an increase in readiness rates and overall school success, however the collaborative understands there are multiple factors to reach this goal. Project methodology includes: 1) family supports and education 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) increasing support to early learning program administrators and teaching staff in the form of professional development and on-site technical assistance to maximize the efforts while children are in program. 4) creating opportunities for early learning programs and elementary school teachers to dialogue frequently on the transition process and the Kindergarten/school experience.

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.**

Participating early learning providers.

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.