



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 3147

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Parent University Pensacola (PUP) is a family engagement initiative based upon a 25 year, successful family engagement program in Savannah, GA. PUP began in 2020 and has been hosting sessions in local schools and other venues at least once a month since that time. These sessions are almost exclusively held within pockets of poverty and at low performing schools. PUP’s mission is to be a “connector” between the services a community offers and those in need of services. This happens by providing transportation, childcare and meals (breakfast & lunch) to families thus removing barriers to attendance and by inviting service providers to either join the vendor fair or teach a class. It is also important to note sessions are strategically held at schools to facilitate positive interactions between schools & families. PUP would like to offer more sessions as well as a full slate of Parent University offerings (14.b below) with this funding.

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

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	91%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	50,000	9%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>550,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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

b. **Describe the source of funding 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?**



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

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to expand the number of direct services to families which include community outreach to potential participants, printing session materials, supplies, meals, transportation, childcare, continued support from National Team members and other expenses required to conduct regular sessions.	375,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Parent University Pensacola would like to invest in expanding continuing programs and additional support for grant applications.	125,000
<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>500,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Parent University Pensacola is a grassroots community collaborative, focused on providing educational services and resources to parents, children and families in the community. Our goal is to increase health and wellness, neighborhood vitality and public safety while reducing poverty in our communities. Parent University Pensacola provides opportunities for parents and grandparents to invest in themselves and their children. We provide the environment to give encouragement, build confidence and competence, to enhance and improve individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities. Parents include anyone in a position to teach, mentor, guide or impact children - directly or indirectly.

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

Parent University provides activities, services and resources to parents and children in several ways.  
\*Traditional Parent University\* (all parents) Focuses on our widest range of subject matter that parents ask for.  
\*Early Learning College at Parent University\* (programs are more focused on parents of children birth to 5 years old)  
\*Tech College at Parent University\* (ensuring parents have the devices, access and know-how to assist and advocate for their children and themselves)  
\*Parent U Experiences\* (tailored programs, such as Baby Showers for new/expectant parents  
Parents include anyone in a position to teach, mentor, guide or impact children – directly or indirectly.  
Leadership Academy (alumni that want to become community leaders)

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

Parent University can offer multiple sessions per month depending on the parent demand. We operate a network of community partners and instructors from a variety of background industries. Our partners provide information and resource booths and address multiple topics including health, nutrition academics and job opportunities to name a few. We engage law enforcement and human resource partners to share about preventing juvenile violence, recognizing gang activities, and offering resources and support for parents and grandparents complementary transportation. Additionally, meals and childcare are available to all who attend including children who may suffer from food insecurity on weekends. We also offer, when available, physical activities for our older youth in attendance as well as allow them to volunteer when requested.

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

We consider a parent to be any adult who is interested in the success of our children and our schools. Even though Parent University is open to all, the majority of our parents are minority, single mothers and/or grandparents. Most of our parents have come from a lower economic stratum. Last year Parent University Pensacola served over 1000 unique individuals. We ranged between 175 to 350 participants at each session and also interacted with others through non-Parent University community outreach programs. We are confident as funds allow for additional sessions; we can reach many more individuals within our community.

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

What we have seen is parents that participate in our program become more proactive in their homes and in their communities. These parents often become community leaders or business owners because of some of the things they are exposed to at our sessions. It also seems to be true that the children of these parents are more successful in their educational outcomes. Parent University National is currently in a longitudinal study with Georgia Southern University to document academic outcomes for the children of regular attendees. We at Parent University Pensacola hope to engage Pensacola State College and/or the University of West Florida in like manner.

**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?**

Being that at the time of this document's preparation we do not know the standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables we have nothing more to say on the matter .

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 16. 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

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number