



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1167

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

A statewide Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System, PEARLS, will provide training, options, and information on current and optional notification to protect Florida's youngest and most vulnerable children. A K-12 public school could be on lock-down due to life-threatening criminal activity such as an active shooter, while a preschool close by remains unaware of the imminent threat. Florida's early education centers are an integral part of our state's educational & economic structure - developing young minds while providing young children a safe environment so parents can work to care for their families and improve their futures. Investing in the security of these young children and their educators is critical based on the current escalation of violence in schools. PEARLS has been successfully providing direct training to our early educators since its inception in 2018, supporting them in their mission to be prepared to protect these vulnerable children in an emergency.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	325,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	325,000

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)	325,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	325,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2023-24	0	275,000	76	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

Should future funding be requested, From Cradle to College Foundation will pursue available local government and other entities' funding to support this program.



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

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Program Facilitators	240,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel and materials required for program delivery	85,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		325,000

14. Program Performance

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



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PEARLS provides training for preschool environments to mitigate risk and save lives in emergency situations such as active shooter events. Optional implementation of a local notification system to alert preschools of imminent danger, as is currently done with K-12 schools, closing the existing training and notification gap, keeping ALL of Florida's children safe. It is essential to share how locations can use their environments and Proactive Planning to provide the safest environment possible.

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

This essential training will be provided through two methods, both in person training with early childhood educators and live on-line trainings for those who cannot attend in person. Participants are provided with resources to assist as they move forward with their planning. PEARLS will also utilize a Train the Trainer program and utilize collaborative partnerships to enhance community impact.

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

Training on highly relevant topics including planning and preparing for critical incidents and optional notification systems for schools, provided through both in-person and on-line formats.

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

Preschool children and staff - approximately 850,000 individuals in the State of Florida.

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

The expected benefit of PEARLS is an increased life-saving awareness of current threatening events and informed options for action that will mitigate risk and save lives. The program is designed to support preschools and empower them with knowledge and awareness that will prompt them to have a preemptive plan of action which includes multiple options. Planning and preparation make them ready to judiciously implement their plan based on the form of danger present and change the outcome of the event thus enhancing the safety of Florida's youngest children. The program's outcome will be measured by the evaluation forms completed by participants, its successful statewide training and participation in the implementation of optional notification systems.

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?

Possible return of funds

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

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)



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- 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