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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Bobby Powell

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot is a comprehensive plan written 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 all three and four-year-olds in the Riviera Beach community.

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
1,233,120	64,000	1,297,120

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):** 1,297,120

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:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	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?

Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

Yes, \$1,205,470 project costs, minus technology and program equipment for year 1

11. Program Performance:

a. What is the specific purpose or goal that 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 are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Pilot 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 (a local special taxing district focused on early childhood outcomes) and the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County. The pilot activities are aimed at building upon the existing strengths of each early learning program and supplementing with the following supports and services: 1) Family Advocates, who will be trained social workers, who will work with the families of children attending the pilot programs to create family goals and increase their advocacy for their child's education and within their community. 2) Contracted child care and program support staff.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	As a half time FTE, the Project Coordinator will provide oversight and implement the overall project plan. .5 FTE @ 70,000 annual salary	35,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage \$4,000 Administrative Cost \$117,920	121,920
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	The Family Advocates will provide support to a caseload of approximately 50 families. Family Advocates, 6 FTE @ \$45,000 annually = \$270,000 The Education Specialist will work with program to promote best practices in teaching and learning, plan trainings and support parent education. Education Specialist @ 48,000 annually	318,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage for Family Advocates and Education Specialist \$15,000 annually Laptops and Equipment for 6 Advocates and 1 Education Specialist = \$4,000 Early Learning Program Equipment \$64,000 Office Supplies for staff \$4,000	87,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	1 Play Therapist @ \$40/hr = \$80,000 annually 1 Mental Health Specialist @ \$40/hr = \$80,000 annually 2 Speech Therapists @ \$40/hr	735,200



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Reduction in 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.**

Contracted early leaning providers

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

- a. **Name:** Warren Eldridge
- b. **Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:** (850)445-6674

- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County
- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Warren Eldridge
- e. **E-mail Address:**
- f. **Phone Number:** (850)445-6674

- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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