



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2399

1. **Title of Project:** Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Kelli Stargel

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/14/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

As a statewide Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System, PEARLS will provide training, options, and an optional notification system to protect Florida's youngest and most vulnerable children. With the current systems in place, a K-12 public school could be on lockdown due to life-threatening criminal activity such as active shooter while a preschool center next door is unaware of the imminent threat. Florida's early childcare providers are an integral part of our state's educational and economic structures-developing young minds for the future and providing young children a safe environment as parents work to care for their families. Investing in the security of the children in their care is critical due to the current trend of escalating violence in our society. This project request seeks to revert any unexpended balance of the PEARLS appropriation for FY 2018-2019 and re-appropriate those funds to FY 2019-2020 for PEARLS.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Education

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>800,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		800,000	84	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** No



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#### 10. 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	Director Salary & Benefits	32,295
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program Facilitators	180,900
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Statewide Travel, Training, Notification Systems (optional), Program Materials	586,805
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>800,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Training for preschool environment 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 notification gap and keeping ALL of Florida's children safe.

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

Training will be provided through both direct training with early childhood educators and also through a Train the Trainer program which will enhance program continuity and keep this important information accessible. Collaborative partnerships between law enforcement, Early Learning Coalitions, and From Cradle to College Foundation will be developed for training on an optional notification system.

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

Training on highly relevant topics including planning and preparing for critical incidents, and optional notification systems for preschools.

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

Preschool children and preschool staff of legally operating child care providers in the State of Florida, approximately 873,000 individuals.

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



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The expected benefit of this project is an increased life-saving awareness of current significant dangers and informed options for action that will mitigate risk and save lives. The program is designed to embolden preschools to have a preemptive plan of action that includes multiple options to be implemented judiciously based on the form of danger present. The outcome of this program will be measured by its successful outreach to Florida statewide with training and optional notification systems, significantly enhancing the safety of Florida's youngest children.

- 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?**

Possible Return of Funds.

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 fixed capital outlay.

13. **Requestor Contact Information:**

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14. **Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** From Cradle to College Foundation, Inc.
- b. **County:** Manatee
- 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. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

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