



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1095

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

4. Project/Program Description

As a statewide Preschool Emergency Alert Response Learning System, PEARLS will provide training, options, and an optional notification to protect Florida's youngest and most vulnerable children. With the current systems in place, a K-12 public school could be on lock down 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 requests to revert any unexpended balance of the PEARLS appropriation for FY 2020-21 and re-appropriate those funds to FY 2021-22 for PEARLS.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	800,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	800,000	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 2021-2022	800,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2018-19	0	800,000	84	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, the From Cradle to College Foundation will pursue all 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?

No

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

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Director salary and benefits	32,295
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		800,000

12. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal 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 and training gap and keeping ALL of Florida's children safe.

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

Training will be provided through both direct training with early childhood educators, both In person as well as through on line resources, and also utilizing 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 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 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 childcare 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. This 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 the contract?

Possible Return of Funds

13. 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.

No fixed capital outlay



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name
b. Firm Name
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number