



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1252

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Project is a comprehensive plan created 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 children in the Riviera Beach community and a strong Kindergarten transition.

The Collaborative is moving into its fifth year with ten early learning programs and currently continuing work on school readiness outcomes. Given the impact programs have experienced during the pandemic, the focus is on creating safe, consistent quality environments the support children, families and teaching staff and program leaders. The goal for this year is to continue the work started in the previous years, implementing best practices while tracking Collaborative goals and outcomes.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>150,000</b>

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)	150,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	150,000	84	Yes

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.



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1252

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

Yes

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

\$30,000 was received for mini-grants to child care providers.

**11. 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	laptops for 3 year old and VPK classrooms, at home learning materials to support home to school connection and summer learning loss. Curriculum and related classroom materials.	120,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Frog Street new teacher and refresher training. Professional development on language development and supportive classrooms	30,000
<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>150,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Project 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 project activities are aimed at building upon the existing strengths of each early learning program and adding the supports outlined below in subsection c.

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

Support for early learning programs in Riviera Beach through 1) family supports via family engagement, at-home learning materials and transition to Kindergarten activities 2) ongoing independent child assessment to measure progress and plan for continuous improvement 3) CLASS assessment for all pilot classrooms 4) implementation of research-based curricula - Frog Street 5) program materials to enhance classroom settings 6) laptops for three and four-year-old classrooms 7) strong ongoing connections with Kindergarten community elementary schools and 8) training specific to program work and goals.

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



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1252

Children in Riviera Beach attending collaborative early learning programs with an estimate of 300 children to be served. Families of children in the project will also be served.

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

The Riviera Beach Early Learning to Kindergarten Collaborative is focused on an increase in readiness rates and overall school success, however the collaborative understands there are multiple factors to reach this goal, especially at this time. Project methodology includes: 1) family supports and education to increase parental engagement 2) provision of support services for children and families who demonstrate a need in the form of developmental screening and referrals 3) increased support to early learning program administrators and teaching staff in the form of materials, professional development and technical assistance to maximize the efforts while children are in program. 4) creating opportunities for early learning programs and elementary school teachers to dialogue on the transition process and the Kindergarten/school experience.

**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?**

Reduction in funding

**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.**

Not applicable



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1252

#### 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