



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2094

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

4. Project/Program Description

Each year in Palm Beach County just over 10,000 attend a Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program, while over 13,000 attend Kindergarten, equaling a gap of 3000 children who do not attend a formal Division of Early Learning VPK program before they enter their first year of school. Of the 13000 Kindergarten children, approximately 600 Kindergarteners attend Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Washington Elementary, and West Riviera Elementary in the Riviera Beach Community.

While we know that attending early learning before entering Kindergarten provides the essential foundation to a child's readiness, it has always proven difficult to find and reach families whose children do not interact with early learning opportunities. This project seeks to meet these families through a grassroots efforts, share information and share dialogue about options for learning before Kindergarten.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	218,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	218,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	218,000	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 2023-2024	218,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**
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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

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	Not Applicable	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Not applicable	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Not applicable	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Consultant to create community survey and manage survey outreach workers in the field. Creation of database to collect survey data	52,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Not applicable	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Leave behinds - reading materials, books for children Data collection platform Tablet devices for outreach workers in the community - data collection	6,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Three survey outreach workers in the Riviera Beach community	160,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Not applicable	0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		218,000

14. Program Performance

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



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The project will 1)gather more accurate data on children not attending a formal early learning program or VPK program 2)share information on attending these programs and how to connect to early learning programs and services 3)connect families to other needed community services 4)create an early learning information network in the community

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

Activities and services include outreach to families with children birth to five, sharing information about school readiness and age appropriate programs available before Kindergarten and Kindergarten transition. Beyond outreach to families, overall community outreach and education around the importance of early education and connection to county services to create a baseline of information that is shared community-wide.

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

Direct door-to-door community outreach and education on early learning services.

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

Families with children birth to five and prenatal families in Riviera Beach. The project will serve the 13,377 households in Riviera Beach (Census data 2017-2021)

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

Gain insight into family choices for their child's early learning experience. Increased knowledge of early learning opportunities in the community. Increased participation in early learning programs and VPK for children birth to five. Potential for more family child care home businesses for those households who may be interested.

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 or loss of funding

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)
- Local Entity
- University or College



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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