



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2140

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) which is housed at the University of South Florida is a free parent involvement, school readiness program that helps parents prepare their two, three, four, and five-year old children for success in school and in life. HIPPY helps parents empower themselves as their children's first teacher by giving them the tools, skills, and confidence they need to work with their children at home. Results from Florida HIPPY research and evaluation studies consistently demonstrated that participation in HIPPY made a positive difference in the lives of parents and children. The HIPPY curriculum exposes children to early literacy skills such as: phonological and phonemic awareness, letter recognition, book knowledge, and early writing experiences. succeed in future K-20 education.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

State Agency contacted? Yes

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	2,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	64%
Matching Funds		
Federal	1,400,000	36%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	3,900,000	100%

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	1,400,000	2,500,000	80	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**

N/A



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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary/benefits of Program Director	86,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Fiscal Analyst, Administrative Specialist, Contract Management, Database Administrator, Web Management, IT Support	206,862
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Salary/benefits of existing staff who provide the necessary training, technical assistance, program data entry support and evaluation activities.	384,479
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to cover the costs of travel and materials for trainings, office supplies, postage, telephone, equipment and room rentals, etc. used for the provision of program site training and management.	26,303
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used for serving families at existing HIPYPY provider agencies via subcontracts to offer HIPYPY services in their respective counties (such as Alachua, Bradford, Broward, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Liberty, Manatee, Marion, Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Sarasota) or other counties.	1,796,356
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The funds being requested will allow the Florida HIPPY Training & Technical Assistance Center to manage the delivery of the Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) to approximately 2,000 children in Florida. This level of HIPPY funding has been provided by the Legislature since FY 2014-2015 (with the exception of FY 17-18) and if it is not provided again in FY 2025-26, it will result in over 500 fewer families receiving HIPPY services than in prior years.

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

The Florida Training & Technical Assistance Center (1) is the state authority and liaison between program sites, their agencies, the University of South Florida, and the national HIPPY USA office; (2) manages contracts, budgets, invoicing, and audits for all sites; (3) prepares and tracks participation in online training modules, professional development, conferences, and other opportunities for growth and development of coordinators and home visitors; and (4) is responsible for data collection.

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

(1) "Home Visitors" are typically community members and former parents in the program trained to use peer-to-peer mentoring and share community resources that (2) empower parents to act as their children's first teachers and advocates. (3) TANF-eligible families are provided with training and developmentally appropriate materials, curriculum, and books at no cost. Then, because of the HIPPY Role Play Instructional Technique, (4) parents are vested in engaging the educationally enriching activities. This all leads to at-risk 2-5 year old Floridians being more school-ready for K-20.

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

Economically disadvantaged persons, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled individuals, and preschool students. Approx. 2,000 individuals to be served.

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

(1) At least 75% of parents who complete a curricular year will report an increase in the families' engagement in outdoor or physical activities and cultural events as a result of participating in the HIPPY Program. Parent involvement survey administered upon enrollment into the program and at the end of each curricular year. (2) Create specific immediate job opportunities - measured by Home Visitor survey administered upon enrollment into the program and at the end of each curricular year. (3) Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency - measured with Parent Involvement Survey and Home Visitor survey administered upon enrollment into the program.

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?

The contract manager will review the progress made on the activities and deliverable and if the contractor fails to meet and comply with the deliverables listed in the contract or to make appropriate progress the Contract Manager may approve a reduced payment or request the Contractor to redo the work or withhold payment or if necessary, terminate the contract.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied



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- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.