

# Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

## For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Happy Workers Learning Center Rehab/Restoration

2. Date of Submission: 11/12/2019

3. House Member Sponsor: Wengay Newton

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### 4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes  
*If answer to 4a is "No" skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d, Col. E*
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request:

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2019-20 <i>(If appropriated in 2019-20 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)</i>			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2020-21 <i>(Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)</i>		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  <i>(Recurring plus Nonrecurring: column A + column B)</i>	Recurring Base Budget  <i>(Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)</i>	<b>Additional Nonrecurring Request</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds</b>  <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:					625,000	625,000

5. Are funds for this issue requested in a state agency's Legislative Budget Request submitted for FY 2020-21? No

5a. If yes, which state agency?

5b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested? Department of State

5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? No

5d. Describe penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures which the agency should provide in its contract to administer the funding if appropriated.

Forfeiture of funds

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Deb Ballinger
- b. Organization: R'Club Child Care Inc.
- c. Email: dballinger@rclub.net
- d. Phone #: (727)578-5437

7. Contact for questions about specific technical or financial details about the project:

- a. Name: Deb Ballinger
- b. Organization: R'Club Child Care Inc.
- c. Email: dballinger@rclub.net
- d. Phone #: (727)578-5437

8. Is there a registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project?

- a. Name: Laura Boehmer
- b. Firm: The Southern Group
- c. Email: boehmer@thesoutherngroup.com
- d. Phone #: (727)686-0924

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: R'Club Child Care Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Pinellas
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Pinellas

10. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds? (Select one)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government
- University or College
- Other (Please describe)

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

The goal is to rehabilitate an 89 year old preschool facility located in a high poverty area of south St. Petersburg. The center, Happy Workers Learning Center (HWLC) has a long well regarded history of quality preschool, but has fallen on hard times. HWLC is one of historic sites on the African American Heritage Trail that runs through south St. Petersburg. R'Club Child Care, Inc. another local not for profit child care agency with 47 locations through the Tampa Bay area.

12. Provide specific details on how funds will be spent. (Select all that apply)

Spending Category	Description	Nonrecurring (Should equal 4d, Col. E) Enter "0" if request is zero for the category
Administrative Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> b. Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> d. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
<input type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Final phase of the historic renovation of the first African American social service agency in Pinellas County. Funds will complete construction of class rooms, including some demolition, classroom	625,000

	equipment and furnishing playgrounds and walkway.	
TOTAL		625,000

13. For the Fixed Capital Costs requested with this issue (In Question 12, category “h. Fixed Capital Outlay” was selected), what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete? (Select one correct option)

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Government (e.g., police, fire or local government buildings, local roads, etc.)
- State agency owned facility (For example: college or university facility, buildings for public schools, roads in the state transportation system, etc.)
- Other (Please describe)

14. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

15. Is there any documented show of support for the requested project in the community including public hearings, letters of support, major organizational backing, or other expressions of support?

Yes

15a. Please Describe:

Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County, City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Board of County Commissioners, Juvenile Welfare Board of

16. Has the need for the funds been documented by a study, completed by an independent 3rd party, for the area to be served?

Yes

16a. Please Describe:

Both the Juvenile Welfare Board and the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners have comprehensive poverty studies and preschool

17. Will the requested funds be used directly for services to citizens?

Yes

17a. What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the purpose of the funds?

The activities and services proposed include complete renovation of Building 4 at Happy Workers Early Learning Academy in south St. Petersburg to include; demolishing the interior of the current facility, completely new foundation, new floors, new interior walls, new fire protection system, new cabinets/doors/countertops/windows, acoustical treatment, new roof, new kitchen/bath/laundry equipment, plumbing work, electrical work, and new lighting.

17b. Describe the direct services to be provided to the citizens by the funding requested.

Happy Workers will provide full day, high quality early learning direct services for up to 140 children ages 2 months to 5 years of age. Activities are based on implementation of early childhood best practices including being a licensed facility, pursuit of national accreditation, employment of qualified/degreed staff, low teacher-child ratios, use of evidence-based curricula, development of quality environments, emphasis on family involvement, and cultural competence. Comprehensive services a

17c. Describe the target population to be served (i.e., "the majority of the funds requested will serve these target populations or groups").

Select all that apply to the target population:

- Elderly persons
- Persons with poor mental health
- Persons with poor physical health
- Jobless persons
- Economically disadvantaged persons
- At-risk youth
- Homeless
- Developmentally disabled
- Physically disabled
- Drug users (in health services)
- Preschool students
- Grade school students
- High school students
- University/college students
- Currently or formerly incarcerated persons
- Drug offenders (in criminal Justice)
- Victims of crime
- General (The majority of the funds will benefit no specific group)
- Other (Please describe)

17d. How many in the target population are expected to be served?

< 25

- 25-50
- 51-100
- 101-200
- 201-400
- 401-800
- >800

18. What benefits or outcomes will be realized by the expenditure of funds requested? (Select each Benefit/Outcome that applies)

Benefit or Outcome	Provide a specific measure of the benefit or outcome	Describe the method for measuring level of benefit
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	90% of children will test ready for kindergarten	OEL star literacy & math tool
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance/preserve/improve environmental or fish and wildlife quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve transportation conditions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity		
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency		

<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce recidivism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Reduce substance abuse		
<input type="checkbox"/> Divert from Criminal/Juvenile justice system		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve wastewater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve stormwater management		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve groundwater quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve drinking water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve surface water quality		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe):		

19. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2020-21 from all sources of funding (Enter "0" if amount is zero):

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent of Total	Are the other sources of funds guaranteed in writing?
1. Amount Requested from the State in this Appropriations Project Request:	625,000	47.5%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	0	0.0%	No
4. Local:	40,000	3.0%	Yes
5. Other:	650,000	49.4%	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,315,000</b>	<b>100%</b>	

20. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

No