

Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2020-21

For projects meeting the Definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Help Me Grow Florida
2. Date of Submission: 11/15/2019
3. House Member Sponsor: Anthony Rodriguez
Members Copied:

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? 2019-20
- 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>	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds <i>(Will equal the amount from the Recurring base in Column D plus the Additional Nonrecurring Request in Column E.)</i>
Input Amounts:	1,808,957		1,808,957	1,808,957	2,691,043	4,500,000

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 Education
 - 5c. Has the appropriate state agency for administering the funding, if the request were appropriated, been contacted? Yes
 - 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.

Payments shall be delayed for any deliverables that are not satisfactorily completed until all deficiencies are corrected and accepted by the Office of Early Learning. A corrective action plan will be imposed requiring the contractor to address all performance deficiencies. Failure to comply will result in a breach of contract. Financial consequences are also imposed including withholding of payment, a request to redo the work or reduced payment.

6. Requester:

- a. Name: Phyllis Kalifeh
- b. Organization: Children's Forum, Inc.
- c. Email: pkalifeh@thechildrensforum.com
- d. Phone #: (850)487-6300

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

- a. Name: Phyllis Kalifeh
- b. Organization: Children's Forum, Inc.
- c. Email: pkalifeh@thechildrensforum.com
- d. Phone #: (850)487-6300

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

- a. Name: Monica Rodriguez
- b. Firm: Ballard Partners
- c. Email: monica@ballardpartners.com
- d. Phone #: (850)766-6287

9. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Children's Forum, Inc.
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Leon
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Statewide

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 of Help Me Grow Florida is to promote healthy development for every child in our state. Help Me Grow (HMG) is a unique, comprehensive, and integrated statewide system designed to address the need for early identification of developmental and/or behavioral concerns, and then to link children and their families to community-based developmental and behavioral services and supports.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Sub-recipient contracts with local 2-1-1 agencies to implement Help Me Grow in their service areas. Nonrecurring funds will support existing affiliates as well as provide needed funds for expansion of services into additional counties.	2,691,043

Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		2,691,043

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:

Help Me Grow has support from several agencies and partners such as The Children's Movement of Florida, Florida Office of Early Learning, and the United Way of Florida and copies of letters of support can be provided upon request.

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:

The Center for Disease Control Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report-July 28, 2017 – CDC Grand Rounds: Addressing Health Disparities in Early Childhood by author, Lara Robinson, details the critical role that Help Me Grow plays in the identification of at-risk children and the integration of systems that can support healthy development and reduce barriers that might keep children from reaching their full

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?

By building collaboration among community programs, providing centralized access point for information and referral, promoting surveillance and screenings, as well as educating and informing the community.

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

Establishing a telephone access point linking families with support services to address concerns about health, development and learning. Developmental screenings and comprehensive care coordination to parents/caregivers and healthcare providers. Trainings about child development and early detection/intervention. Community outreach to promote the use of HMGF and provide networking for the community. Data collection to identify gaps and barriers to provide more efficient services.

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): All children in Florida, from birth to age 8 years, and their families

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve physical health	Providing access to developmental and behavioral screenings to detect health concerns which would result in a referral for health services reducing the need for costly intervention later on.	% of successful connections to infant health services. % of parents/caregivers reporting their child's health has improved.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve mental health	Providing access to developmental and behavioral screenings to detect mental health concerns which would result in a referral for mental health services reducing the need for costly intervention later on.	% of successful connections to infant mental health services. % of parents/caregivers reporting their child's behavior and/or mental health has improved % of parents/caregivers reporting that they have access to people they can talk to for advice and emotional support.
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrich cultural experience		
<input type="checkbox"/> Improve agricultural production/promotion/education		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improve quality of education	Identification of children who may not meet the milestones appropriate for their age and will benefit from further assessment and follow-up. By identifying and intervening early on,	The % of successful connections to community services and the results of further evaluation.

	delays that affect a child's education can be prevented or prepared for early on.	
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities	Expanding the Help Me Grow Florida (HMGF) program throughout the state and onboarding new affiliate locations provides at a minimum one full-time employee and two part-time employees to successfully execute the program.	Creation of new positions in affiliate agencies.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Please describe): Improved parental understanding of child development.	Giving parents of young children increased access to developmental screening and care coordination increases their ability to provide for their children's needs.	Positive shift in parents' attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors with an outcome of engaged, supported, and educated parents better equipped to meet their children's needs.

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:	2,691,043	59.8%	N/A
2. Federal:	0	0.0%	No
3. State: (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	1,808,957	40.2%	Yes
4. Local:	0	0.0%	No
5. Other:	0	0.0%	No
TOTAL	4,500,000	100%	

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

Yes

20a. How much state funding would be requested after 2020-21 over the next 5 years?

<1M

1-3M

>3-10M

>10M

20b. How many additional years of state support do you expect to need for this project?

- 1 year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 years
- ≥ 5 years

20c. What is the total project cost for all years including all federal, local, state, and any other funds? Select the single answer which best describes the total project cost. If funds requested are for ongoing services or for recurring activities, select “ongoing activity”.

- ongoing activity – no total cost
- <1M
- 1-3M
- >3-10M
- >10M