

# The Florida House of Representatives

## Appropriations Project Request - Fiscal Year 2021-22

For projects meeting the definition of House Rule 5.14

1. Title of Project: Jack & Jill Children's Center – Economic Empowerment/Workforce
2. Date of Submission: 01/20/2021
3. House Member Sponsor: Vance Aloupis, Jr.

#### 4. Details of Amount Requested:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2020-21
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request.

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2020-21 (If appropriated in 2020-21 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2021-22 (Requests for additional RECURRING funds are prohibited.)		
Column:	A	B	C	D	E	F
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated	Recurring Base Budget	Additional Nonrecurring Request	TOTAL Nonrecurring plus Recurring Base Funds
Input Amounts:		850,000	850,000		650,000	650,000

- e. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2021-22 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	650,000	11.5%	N/A
2. Federal	0	0.0%	No
3. State (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column F)	1,590,000	28.1%	Yes
4. Local	0	0.0%	No

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5. Other	3,417,146	60.4%	Yes
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,657,146</b>	<b>100%</b>	

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

Yes

a. How much state funding would be requested after 2021-22 over the next 5 years?

- ☐ <1M  
☒ 1-3M  
☐ >3-10M  
☐ >10M

b. 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

c. 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

6. Which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue requested? Department of Education

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

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

Return funding to State

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7. Requester:

- a. Name: Maria Meyer
- b. Organization: Jack & Jill Children's Center
- c. Email: mmeyer@jackandjillcenter.org
- d. Phone #: (954)520-2800

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

- a. Name: Maria Meyer
- b. Organization: Jack & Jill Children's Center
- c. Email: mmeyer@jackandjillcenter.org
- d. Phone #: (954)520-2800

9. Registered lobbyist working to secure funding for this project.

- a. Name: Anita Berry
- b. Firm: Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies
- c. Email: anita@johnstonstewart.com
- d. Phone #: (301)524-0172

10. Organization or Name of entity receiving funds:

- a. Name: Jack and Jill Children's Center
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended): Broward
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding): Broward

11. What type of organization is the entity that will receive the funds?

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

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

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Our Economic Empowerment/Workforce Development Initiative serves low-income families with quality early childhood education & family strengthening services. Our programming has proven to be an essential resource, especially during the COVID-19 public health & economic crisis. This funding will ensure our ability to provide families with tools to maintain/advance their employment and work toward self-sufficiency through the provision of case management, parent education & emergency assistance.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount Requested (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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> e. Salaries and Benefits	This funding will go towards a portion of the salaries and benefits of our Early Childhood Education staff, including Teachers, Assistant Teachers, Director of Education, and Education Program Manager.	520,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. Expenses/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This funding will go towards a portion of expenses associated with the Early Childhood Education Program and workforce	130,000

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	development programming provided to parents.	
<input type="checkbox"/> g. Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> h. Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>TOTAL</b>		650,000

14. For Fixed Capital Costs requested in Question 13, what type of ownership will the facility be under when complete?

☐ 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)

15. Is the project request an information technology project?

No

16. 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

a. Please Describe:

Jack & Jill maintains relationships with organizations and individuals throughout Broward County and beyond, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, 65 community organizations, more than 30 Corporate Partners and 500 volunteers; MOU's with Broward College, FAU, and NSU. Our children and families often cite Jack & Jill as a cause for their educational, financial and personal achievements.

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

Yes

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a. Please Describe:

7 years ago, a 3rd party conducted a study prior to building our facility that supported the need for our services in this area. We consistently have long wait lists for the Center. Research continues to show the correlation between quality early childhood education and positive outcomes into adulthood.

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

Yes

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

Parents of our children, a large percentage of whom are essential workers who have served the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, will maintain/advance employment and work toward self-sufficiency while our Center provides them high quality education. Parents receive case management, enrichment courses and emergency assistance.

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

We offer a holistic approach to working with children and families: children in our early childhood center will receive quality education from the only NAEYC accredited childcare center in Fort Lauderdale and on-site medical screenings and health services; parents will receive case management, enrichment courses and emergency assistance from our Family Strengthening team.

c. 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

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- ☒ 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)

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

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

19. 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 or outcome
<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	We are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children serving infants through Pre-K4. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic our doors	Children are screened 2-3 times a year using Florida VPK Assessment & Teaching Strategies Gold. Scores are maintained in their individual portfolio and compared

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	have remained open to the children, families and community that relies on us to provide high quality education, nutritional meals, family strengthening services and more. 80% of our students meet or exceed age appropriate development marks.	to nationally set standards.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase or improve economic activity	Early in 2020 we provided economically focused courses such as a Financial Literacy and a First Time Home Buyers Course. Throughout 2020 our Family Strengthening team provided 2,624 hours of case management to parents and provided families with \$7,500 in gift cards and \$4,000 in emergency funds.	Jack & Jill administers a Family Assessment upon a family's enrollment and annually thereafter. New assessments are compared to previous ones to track success/effectiveness.
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase tourism		
<input type="checkbox"/> Create specific immediate job opportunities		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enhance specific individual's economic self sufficiency	As a result of remaining open throughout the pandemic, the parents of our children who are	Family assessments that are regularly conducted; pre- and post-assessments during parent

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	essential workers were able to seek, secure and/or retain employment/schooling. Our Center also served as a community food distribution site for Broward County. We provided over 2,500 families with food during the crisis.	education classes.
<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):		