

# Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Education Programs (VPK) Funding Increase
2. Date of Submission: 01/26/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Larry Ahern

## 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***
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- 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 (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget  (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A )	<b>INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested</b>	<b>TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested</b>  (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	<b>Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding</b>  (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	389,300,000	0	389,300,000	389,300,000	9,300,000	0	9,300,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:  
 Operating Expenses     Fixed Capital Construction     Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:  
 Operating Expenses     Fixed Capital Construction     Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: James Herzog
- b. Organization: Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: VPK Providers
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Specific Request: During the 2007-2008 school year, VPK funding reached the "high-water mark" of \$2,677 per child. Since then, the funding has been reduced by nine percent and 22 percent for the school-year and summer programs, respectively. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) recommends that funding be restored by way of a \$50 per student increase in the school-year program (i.e. \$2,437 to \$2,487) and \$43 per child for the summer program (i.e. \$2,080 to \$2,123).

Boosting Kindergarten Readiness: According to the Executive Office of the Governor, VPK completers are better prepared for kindergarten than partial completers or children who did not participate in the program at all. Results of the 2013 Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) indicate that nearly 82 percent of VPK completers were deemed ready for kindergarten. Children who did not participate in VPK at all achieved a 53 percent rate.

Note: The calculation for increased recurring funds was determined by mirroring Governor Rick Scott's 2016-2017 budget proposal. For more information, see: [http://www.floridaeearlylearning.com/Articles/governor\\_scotts\\_florida\\_first\\_budget\\_will\\_make\\_florida\\_first\\_for\\_early\\_childhood\\_education.aspx](http://www.floridaeearlylearning.com/Articles/governor_scotts_florida_first_budget_will_make_florida_first_for_early_childhood_education.aspx)

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

- Federal: 0
- State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)
- Local: 0

Other: 0

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

Yes