

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: Lauren's Kids Safer, Smarter Schools
2. Date of Submission: 01/12/2016
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Erik Fresen

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)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	0	3,800,000	3,800,000	0	3,300,000	0	3,300,000

- 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: LaureN Book
- b. Organization: Lauren's Kids
- c. Email: lauren@laurenskids.org
- d. Phone #: (786)288-5045

6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Lauren's Kids Foundation
- 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.)

Lauren's Kids Foundation ? Lauren's Kids is a registered 501(c)3 organization that works to prevent child sexual abuse through education and awareness and help survivors heal with guidance and support. The Safer, Smarter Schools program ? composed of Safer, Smarter Kids (Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5 curriculum, and a curriculum for students with developmental delays and disabilities) and Safer, Smarter Teens (middle and high school curriculum) ? is a school-based personal safety and abuse prevention curriculum program designed to prevent Florida's school children from harm and empower those in unsafe situations to seek help from a trusted adult. The program also provides professional development for administrators, beginning educators and guidance professionals, as well as extension activities for families. Studies show 95 percent of sexual abuse is preventable with education and awareness, but that currently, an estimated 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will become a victim of this abuse before leaving the K-12 system. The overall goal of the Lauren's Kids Safer, Smarter Schools program is to arm children with protective principles and educate teachers, administrators and parents on signs of abuse, proper reporting protocol, and best practices in prevention. In addition to the human impact of this programming, Lauren's Kids seeks to offset the \$1 billion annual cost to Florida's taxpayers as a result of child sexual abuse through lost wages, incarceration, legal and healthcare fees, etc.

Approximately \$300,000 will be spent on salaries associated with the cost of overseeing and implementing the grant according to DOE requirements. As the work outlined in the proposal is largely related to safety education resource development and distribution, Lauren's Kids will use a majority of the dollars (approximately \$1.9 million) to continue to develop, maintain and implement materials and resources that further support protecting Florida's children from sexual abuse, resulting trauma and overarching societal impact (as outlined above). Printing and distribution of materials and resources to Florida educators and organizations that serve children will cost approximately \$500,000 and the remaining \$600,000 will be used to provide training to educators face-to-face and through online modules to ensure appropriate implementation and practices in regards to this important and life-saving subject matter.

More specifically, funds will be spent to:

- * Continue to distribute Safer, Smarter Schools school-based personal safety and abuse prevention curriculum for grades Pre-K/Kindergarten through 12, designed to prevent Florida's school children from harm and empower those in unsafe situations to seek help from a trusted adult. These curriculum modules are aligned to the new Florida Standards, and were produced with the Florida Department of Education during FY 2014-2015 based upon Lauren's Kids' It's OK to Tell? curriculum program;
- * Continue to partner with school districts statewide to provide teacher training on the Safer, Smarter Schools curriculum ? composed of Safer, Smarter Kids (Pre-Kindergarten through grade 5 curriculum, and a curriculum for students with developmental delays and disabilities) and Safer, Smarter Teens (middle and high school curriculum) ? to allow for in-person training of more than 500 public school educators who will become ambassadors for curriculum implementation, utilizing online training modules to train peers in their local districts;
- * Implement competency-based online Safer, Smarter Schools professional development resources for principals, school counselors, classroom teachers, and beginning teachers, providing evidenced-based best practices on prevention information and early intervention materials appropriate for the school environment to better prepare educators to prevent, identify, address and report suspected abuse. Focus groups have revealed Florida teachers do not currently feel comfortable or equipped with the knowledge or tools to identify signs of sexual abuse, or report any form of suspected abuse and have no formal education or training surrounding this vital piece of child protection, for which they are legally responsible;
- * Continue the enhancement and maintenance of Safer, Smarter Families -- an online, interactive family safety plan generator to assist parents in identifying unique risk factors and providing analysis of the most important and appropriate prevention tools and community-based safety resources to combat possible dangers and prevent abuse, while also educating parents about red flags and signs to watch for in child victims and predatory adults (grooming process); based on Safer, Smarter Schools prevention principles -- and the Guide to Hope & Healing -- comprehensive educational and activity-based materials to help families heal from sexual abuse and minimize long-term negative personal and societal impact of abuse, developed in partnership with the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence;
- * Continue to create statewide parent safety/prevention education and early identification/intervention and engagement opportunities based on the tenants of Safer, Smarter Schools curriculum programs to further partnerships between local schools and communities, and assist parents in communicating prevention and safety techniques to their children in developmentally appropriate ways, including providing opportunities for fingerprinting, creating family safety plans, and interacting with local community resources;
- * Develop digital education tools for students to reinforce abuse prevention and personal safety concepts, helping school districts statewide fulfill the requirement that students have access to high-quality online digital content;
- * Work with independent researchers to conduct an evaluation of the Safer, Smarter Kids 4th and 5th grade modules and Safer, Smarter Teens middle and high school modules to ensure fidelity of curriculum; previous effectiveness testing has shown the curriculum to promote a 77 percent gain in students' knowledge of critical personal safety information;
- * Provide supplemental prevention and personal safety education materials for parents so that they may continue to engage their children in personal safety discussions while having adequate resources, knowledge, and vocabulary to reinforce core concepts; and
- * Disburse curriculum resources to community-based youth-serving organizations such as Child Advocacy Centers, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and such other organizations that receive state and federal funding and work with children for use with their populations at no cost.

While Florida's public school students, their families, youth serving organizations and public school education professionals will most directly benefit from this appropriation, citizens without school-aged children will also benefit by extension. Again, the primary goal of the Lauren's Kids Safer, Smarter Schools program is to arm children with protective principals and educate teachers, administrators and parents on signs of abuse, proper reporting protocol, and best practices in prevention, preventing further abuse, as well as maladaptive behavior and long-term negative effects of unresolved trauma detailed in above replies. To date, the Foundation has been able to provide high quality, interactive, engaging and educationally sound personal safety programming to approximately 475,000 public school students throughout Florida; continued State support would likely allow the number of impacted students to nearly double by 2016-17. In addition to the human impact of this programming, Lauren's Kids seeks to offset the \$1 billion annual cost to Florida's taxpayers as a result of child sexual abuse through lost wages, incarceration, legal and healthcare fees, etc. Studies show that 95% of this abuse ? which is so costly to children, families, and the State ? is preventable through education and awareness. Florida can save money, and save lives, by preventing child abuse and child sexual abuse and promoting early and appropriate intervention and utilization of life-saving community resources.

Lauren's Kids will provide private match funding in excess of \$500,000.

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: 500,000

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

Yes