# 5B-1

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

#### **AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: November 17, 2009 [ ] Consent [X] Regular [ ] Ordinance [ ] Public Hearing
Department
Submitted By: Community Services
Submitted For: Head Start/Early Head Start & Children's Services
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I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: A) Receive and file American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Head Start Expansion grant for the period of September 30, 2009 through September 29, 2010, in the amount of \$924,226; B) Approve budget amendment of \$924,226 in the Head Start Fund to establish grant budget; C) Approve eight (8) new grant-funded positions.
Summary: The ARRA Head Start Expansion grant application approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on September 15, 2009 (R2009-1494), was submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services. The grant has been awarded to serve 154 additional 3 and 4 year old children and their families for the project period of September 30, 2009, through September 29, 2011. The eight (8) additional positions consisting of four (4) Family Services Specialist I positions Pay Grade 18 (4 FTE), one (1) Curriculum Specialist Pay Grade 24 (1 FTE), one (1) Fiscal Specialist I position Pay Grade 15 (.5 FTE), one (1) Clerical Specialist position Pay Grade 12 (.5 FTE) and one (1) Head Start Training Specialist position Pay Grade 26 (.5 FTE) will ensure Head Start's capability to carry out the additional responsibilities associated with the program goals. Contracts and services to the 154 children to be served under this grant will be discontinued and grant funded positions will be eliminated September 29, 2011, unless other sources of funding are received. A budget amendment is needed to establish the ARRA Head Start Expansion budget. Non-Federal Match of \$231,057 will be provided as follows: \$28,610 in in-kind by the Children's Services Council, and the Cooperative Extension Service and \$202,447 in County cash match from present overmatch thus requiring no new County dollars. Services will be provided through child care provider agreements with community child care agencies. (Head Start) Countywide (TKF).  Background and Justification: Palm Beach County Head Start is the recipient of Head Start expansion award. Funds will be used to serve 154 additional children through partnerships with community child care agencies. The project period is for two (2) years, September 30, 2009,
through September 29, 2011
Attachments  1. Financial Assistance Award Letter 2. Budget Amendment 3. Job Descriptions 4. Children Services Council and Cooperative Extension Service Commitments
Recommended by: 11/5/09 Department Director Date

**Assistant County Administrator** 

Approved By:

### II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Fi	ive Year Summary of Fis	cal Impact:				
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FUND (1002) - Head Start

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	1465	5201	Materials/Supplies - Operating	0	0	8,176	0	8,176		8,17
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COMMUNITY SERVICES
INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION Channell Wilkins

Administration/Budget Department Approval

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By Board of County Commissione
At Meeting of

Deputy Clerk to the

**Board of County Commissioners** 

# Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Financial Assistance Award (FAA)

SIGNATURE AND TITLE - PROGRAM OFFICIAL(S)

Marsha W. Lawrence, Regional Program Manager

DGCM-3-785 (Rev. 86)

SAI NUMBER:

PMS DOCUMENT NUMBER:

04SH304601

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#### HEAD START TRAINING SPECIALIST

#### NATURE OF WORK

This is professional work in the planning, implementation and evaluation of training programs to meet the goals and objectives of the Training and Technical Assistance component for the Head Start and Early Head Start program. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator and is reviewed through conferences and results obtained.

#### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Assists in the planning and arranging of in-service, pre-service training, and other training activities for program staff.

Conducts workshops on a variety of subjects.

Facilitates as needed meetings of the Staff and Professional Development Advisory Committee.

Provides information to staff and parents seeking to further their education.

Assists the Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator with monitoring and tracking the enrollment of teaching staff in qualifying degree programs to ensure compliance with federal regulations concerning educational qualifications.

Assists in the annual training needs assessment process.

Maintains a comprehensive Head Start Resource and Training library.

Assists with the coordination and implementation of the New Employee Orientation Program.

Attends and participates in conferences, workshops, and other staff development activities.

Assists staff in the preparation of individual development plans.

Assists in the planning and coordination of the annual volunteer training and recognition event.

Performs other essential functions related to the position as assigned.

#### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of applicable training standards, policies, and procedures.

Considerable knowledge of Head Start and Early Head Start goals and objectives.

Considerable knowledge of Early Childhood Education, principles and practices.

Considerable proficiency in written and oral communication skills.

Considerable skill in designing and delivering training.

Knowledge of adult instructional course development,

Ability to plan and conduct meetings, conferences, and workshops. Ability to present training courses to staff, parents, volunteers, and community partners.

#### HEAD START TRAINING SPECIALIST - CONT'D

#### MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree in Human Resources, Education, Social Sciences or related field; and one (1) year experience assisting in coordinating training and developing programs; or any equivalent combination of related training and experience.

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#### FISCAL SPECIALIST I

#### NATURE OF WORK

This is routine bookkeeping and clerical work.

An employee in a position allocated to this class performs standard clerical, fiscal and other record-keeping duties. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level fiscal specialist or administrative position.

#### **EXAMPLES OF WORK**

Posts data and fiscal information into computer and/or manual ledgers. Gathers, assembles and prepares fiscal information for processing.

 ${\tt Maintains\ the\ Department/Divisions\ fiscal\ records\ according\ to\ established\ accounting\ procedures.}$ 

Computes costs; processes purchase orders and requisitions; reviews invoices for payment, work orders and billings.

Prepares complex departmental payroll which includes calculating shift differential, tool allowance, standby pay, etc., in compliance with policies and procedures.

Balances and reconciles accounting records.

May deal with the public in person or over the phone.

Administers a petty cash fund.

Explains Department policies and procedures.

Performs related work as required.

#### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of bookkeeping practices and procedures.

Knowledge of computer financial systems.

Skill in the operation of calculators, computers and other office equipment.

Ability to apply bookkeeping principles to the preparation and maintenance of routine records and reports.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

#### MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school or an equivalent recognized certification; one (1) year experience in bookkeeping or related work; or any equivalent combination of related training and experience. Must have passed the appropriate test to enter the fiscal series.

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#### CLERICAL SPECIALIST

#### NATURE OF WORK

This is varied, responsible clerical work involving complex work methods and procedures.

An employee in a position allocated to this class works with considerable initiative in implementing functions or programs within a department or division. Duties require the application of specialized, in-depth knowledge of departmental operations and County rules and regulations. An employee in this class may perform data entry and limited typing, such as form completion. Work is performed under general supervision with latitude for use of independent judgment in the selection of work methods and procedures.

#### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Performs a wide variety of responsible clerical duties relating to assigned department.

Maintains a variety of office files and records, compiles data, prepares reports.

May act as representative of department in contacts with employees, officials, or the general public; answers complaints or questions relating to the organizational operation.

May be responsible for receipt and deposit of funds involving numerous transactions and accounts.

Operates a variety of office machines, computers, faxes and calculators.

Gathers information relevant to work assignment in order to facilitate updating/maintaining a variety of databases/files.

Prepares departmental payroll, prepares work orders and calculates costs, posts costs to ledgers.

Performs related work as required.

#### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of office practices, procedures, and equipment.

Considerable knowledge of Business English, spelling, and arithmetic.

Some knowledge of record and bookkeeping practices and procedures. Some knowledge of County ordinances, laws, and regulations.

Ability to operate standard office machines.

Ability to set up and maintain complex departmental records and prepare reports from same.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees and the general public.

#### MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school or an equivalent recognized certification; one (1) year responsible experience in general office and clerical work; or any equivalent combination of related training and experience.

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## CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

This is a professional position in the training of teaching personnel and NATURE OF WORK

An employee in a position allocated to this class is responsible for development of curriculum in the Head Start program. administering in-service training to teaching staff. Work involves planning and conducting on-going in-service workshops in child development, as well as interacting in the classroom on a regular basis with the teaching toam and interacting in the classroom on a regular basis with the teaching team and evaluating activities. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Education Coordinator and is reviewed through conferences and results obtained.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Plans and assists teaching staff with training in implementing an educational curriculum.

Works closely with Component Coordinators in arranging training sessions. Initiates and plans in-service workshops with educational consultants. Keeps written records of all in-service training and participants. Demonstrates teaching techniques in the classroom.

Encourages Child Development Associates and Assistants to work as a team

in developing and implementing special program needs.

Assists teaching staff in planning for home visits and/or parent conferences; reviews reports from these visits for compliance with standards. Assists teaching staff in selecting equipment and materials, arranging

rooms and establishing a consistent daily routine.

Monitors and provides feedback to teaching teams on written lesson plans Provides training to prepare Child Development Associate participants for and evaluations.

Attends professional and educational conferences and meetings to keep assessment.

abreast of educational trends and enhance knowledge and skills. Reviews common problems and discusses matters relevant to the ongoing operations of the Head Start Centers.

Coordinates and distributes educational materials, supplies and equipment. Performs related duties, as required.

# REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of childhood development.
Considerable knowledge of learning processes in young children.

Considerable knowledge of classroom approaches to learning.

Ability to evaluate educational processes and procedures in the classroom.

Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, parents, children, other schools and agencies.

#### FAMILY SERVICES SPECIALIST I

#### NATURE OF WORK

This is responsible work assisting in the implementation of the Head Start Program Performance Standards. An employee in a position allocated to this class is responsible for (depending on area of assignment) recruitment and enrollment of children into the Head Start program. Work also involves facilitating Parent Involvement and Parent Committee meetings, making referrals, home visits and follow-up. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Center Manager, with input from the Family and Community Partnership Supervisor and is reviewed through conferences, reports and monitoring and results of services.

#### EXAMPLES OF WORK

Recruits and enrolls children into Head Start.

Documents case activities.

Coordinates the preliminary medical screenings of children; transports children to medical and dental appointments.

Conducts periodic home visits.

Facilitates parent involvement at the center.
Ensures parents are aware of available resources; makes and accepts referrals to and from other agencies.

Maintains current and accurate records.

Participates and conducts training for parents and staff.

Ensures confidentiality of families' records.

#### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Considerable knowledge of the economic, social and cultural needs/ differences of the target population.

Considerable knowledge in service delivery.

Knowledge of available community resources.

Some knowledge of Head Start goals and objectives.

Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.

Ability to organize tasks.

Ability to work independently and within a team structure.

#### MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a BS degree Sociology or Psychology; one(1) year experience working with the economically disadvantaged or any equivalent combination of related training and experience.

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June 10, 2009

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families/ Office of Head Start
Funding Opportunity Title: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Head
Start Expansion

Dear Dr. Nicholas:

This letter is written in support of your application to expand the availability of comprehensive Head Start programs to families in Palm Beach County.

The Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County (CSC) is an independent, special district whose mission is to enhance the lives of children and families in Palm Beach County and enable them to reach their full potential. The Council's goals are that children begin life healthy, enter school ready, and thrive in quality afterschool activities.

The first years of life are critical to a child's health and social-emotional development. High quality child care is an important aspect in achieving the national goal of having all children ready for school. We believe that high-quality early care and education programs include comprehensive family services, extensive professional development for staff, and varied and frequent family engagement.

We have collaborated with your office through the provision of match funds for the past ten years, and look forward to integrating Head Start programs with our Healthy Beginnings System of Care and our Quality Child Care programming. We estimate that \$90,000 in services through our Quality Improvement System will be provided to the children served by the Palm Beach County Head Start program.

We look forward to our continued relationship with Palm Beach County Head Start and working together to achieve our mutual goal of improving and expanding high-quality services to at-risk families.

Sincerely,

Gaetana Ebbole

Chief Executive Officer

Expect Success





Audrey R. Norman, Director PBC Cooperative Extension Service 559 North Military Trail West Palm Beach, Florida 33415 anorman@pbcgov.org

June 17, 2009

Department of Health and Human Services
Administration for Children and Families/Office of Head Start
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Head Start Expansion

Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension Service is a partnership of the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and Palm Beach County government. As a long-time collaborator of Palm Beach County Head Start, we are excited to continue the positive working relationship in support of the children and families served. Additional funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will help to meet the gaps indicated in a recent community assessment of children and their families in the coastal areas of Palm Beach County.

Head Start has been a strong provider of services to this community since 1975 with 1,871 Head Start and 180 Early Head Start children served in 29 centers and 4 Family Child Care homes that are geographically located throughout the county.

For many years, your Extension office has sat on the Head Start Advisory Committee and Head Start staff has reciprocated by serving on Extension Advisory Committees. Nutrition Education programs taught by Extension faculty and staff are regularly offered to Head Start children and families, as are in-service training opportunities for Head Start staff, on such topics as child care, nutrition, stress management and financial management. This investment in Head Start equals \$8,472.60 of in-kind service by Palm Beach County Cooperative Extension.

Currently Head Start, Extension and several other community organizations are working on a U.S. Department of Education – "Early Reading First" grant application to serve 301 high risk children in three rural community centers. Working together, we have submitted the pre-application and have been invited to submit the full application proposal. This effort exemplifies the strong collaborative relationship that we have had over many years and will continue to have into the future.

It is my great pleasure to support this request in support of Palm Beach County Head Start and the children and families in our community.

Sincerely,

Audrey R. Norman, CFLE

**Extension Director** 

C: Dr. Carmen A. Nicholas

Brad Merriman
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