

**School Board of Broward County Head Start/Early Head Start**

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Application**

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**Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) Program November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020**

**Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funding Application Narrative**

This is a supplement to the 2019 - 2020 Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) Grant Application for a one-time activities supplement in response to COVID-19.

The HS/EHS program continues to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to children and families in Broward County during COVID-19 through virtual platforms. Such resources that have been made available include interactive daily lessons, access to home learning pages and virtual meetings to support family needs.

With the continual changes our families are encountering due to COVID-19, the HS/EHS program has identified a need to continue support for HS/EHS families. Broward County, Florida and the School Board of Broward County has not authorized buildings to be opened for summer programs due to the high incidence of COVID-19 cases in the area. Through the CARES Act Funding of a one-time activities supplement, the HS/EHS program plans to provide families with enriching virtual activities throughout the summer months to support children transitioning to Kindergarten as well as children that will remain in program for the 2020-2021 school year. The HS/EHS program will provide all HS/EHS families with access to ReadyRosie, a virtual research-based parenting curriculum beginning in June 2020, and students transitioning to Kindergarten will receive a Summer Soar Family backpack filled with additional learning tools to support learning and development as they get ready for Kindergarten.

In addition, the HS/EHS program will have personnel available throughout the summer to develop virtual content delivery methods for a hybrid education model to align with district protocols. Staff will also work to develop processes for Parent Committees and Policy Council aligned with CDC guidelines and social distancing recommendations. Social Workers will support families struggling with mental health concerns related to COVID-19 and facilitate referrals to outreach programs and other community resources. Family Service and Clerical staff will assist families with native language support to update 2020-2021 applications, complete the 2020-2021 registration process, update health documentation and facilitate transitions.

The HS/EHS program will also support children and families that are transitioning out of the HS/EHS program by offering three virtual Transition to Kindergarten parent activities (North, Central, and South). The Transition to Kindergarten parent activity will provide families with updated information and resources to assist four-year old children with the transition from the Head Start Program to the Kindergarten classroom.

Although comprehensive services are possible through virtual platforms, not all families and professionals have access to technology to make connections and access such materials. During COVID-19, there has been limited availability of technology to meet the needs of families, Teacher Assistants and EHS Child Development Associates (CDAs) within the Head Start/Early Head Start Program. Through the CARES Act Funding of a one-time activities supplement, the Head Start/Early Head Start Program would reduce the strain on the technology infrastructure by purchasing iPads for each child, Teacher Assistant and EHS CDAs during school closures. This purchase would provide the needed resources and allow equal opportunities to all families and staff within the Head Start/Early Head Start Program to access virtual comprehensive services during school closures or other emergencies.

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In addition to preparing children for the upcoming school year, the HS/EHS program also will need to prepare classrooms based on current CDC guidelines. As preparations are made, additional personal protective equipment to include masks with filters, face shields for children, protective dividers, disposable gloves, disinfectant wipes, antibacterial hand sanitizer and no contact thermometers will be purchased.

**Budget Justification Narrative**

The CARES Act funding will be used as a one-time supplement to purchase Ready Rosie for all Head Start and Early Head Start families, employ summer personnel to deliver Transition to Kindergarten parent activities and support families throughout the summer months in preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, purchase personal protective equipment and obtain iPads with protective cases for all children, Teacher Assistants and EHS CDAs within the Head Start/Early Head Start Program. Included with the purchase will be a locking storage unit that keeps the iPads charged. The following details how the funds will be used.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Total</b>
iPads (10 Pack) 2120 count	212	\$2,940.00	\$623,280.00
Staff iPads (10 Pack) 200 count	20	\$2,940.00	\$58,800.00
iPad Bretford Station (holds 20)	17	\$1,800.00	\$30,600.00
iPad Bretford Station (holds 40)	49	\$2,300.00	\$112,700.00
iPad Protective covers	2,320	\$19.99	\$46,377.00
Personal Protective Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks</li> <li>• Face shields</li> <li>• Protective dividers</li> <li>• Disposable gloves</li> <li>• Antibacterial Hand Sanitizer</li> <li>• Disinfectant Wipes</li> <li>• No contact thermometers</li> </ul>	As needed	\$481,356.00	\$481,356.00
ReadyRosie Classroom Resources	111	\$200.00	\$22,200.00
ReadyRosie EHS and Home-Based Resources	10	\$175.00	\$1,750.00
Summer Soar Family Backpacks	1230	\$44.80	\$55,104.00
Hours of Parent Educators for Transition to Kindergarten Parent Workshop	120	\$22.00	\$2,640.00
Hours for Family Services staff	9,000	\$22.00	\$198,000.00
Hours for Social Work staff	600	\$38.00	\$22,800.00
Hours for Instructional staff	4,200	\$38.00	\$159,600.00
Hours for Clerical staff	200	\$19.00	\$3,800.00
Indirect Cost 4.64%			\$44,065.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$1,863,072.00</b>