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Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation grant supports fiscal policy institute start-up

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The Florida Policy Institute is pleased to announce that it has received a \$251,641 grant from the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation to support its efforts to provide easy to understand research and information about how state laws affect the lives of poor and middle-class Floridians.

"We are pleased to help FPI build capacity and infrastructure as it works to become the go-to source for reliable fiscal policy analysis," said Teri A Hansen, President and CEO of the Barancik Foundation. "It is important to have a dedicated organization paying special attention to the impact fiscal policy has on Florida's most vulnerable residents."

The institute focuses specifically on tax and budget policy, and how Florida compares to other states in areas like health, education, economic growth, and providing essential services to its people. Creating opportunity for all Floridians will continue to be a challenge for policymakers as our population grows and as we strive to ensure a well-prepared workforce and a healthy populace.

The institute will draw on local and national experts to provide fact-based, nonpartisan analysis of fiscal and economic policies and their implications for the people of Florida. They will focus on practical solutions to long-term state fiscal problems so that lawmakers can make the best decisions to promote prosperity for all.

"Thanks to the support of the Barancik Foundation, Florida Policy Institute can begin our work to build a more prosperous Florida. Our vision is that economic opportunity, health, and well-being are widely shared among all Floridians and our research will inform ways to accomplish this ideal," says Executive Director Joseph F Pennisi.

The institute is staffed by an internationally diverse and locally experienced set of experts in fiscal, economic, health, and education policy. Their analysis, research, and public education will inspire informed debate and responsible decision-making. Read more about the Florida Policy Institute on our website at www.FPI.institute, or by following us on twitter @FloridaPolicy and www.facebook.com/FLPolicy.

About the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation

The Charles & Margery Barancik family has long believed in the power of philanthropy to shape our world and enrich the lives of all people. It was the expression of this belief that led them in 2014 to establish the Charles & Margery Barancik Foundation—a private, family foundation located in Sarasota, Florida. The Barancik Foundation creates initiatives and awards grants in Sarasota and beyond in the areas of arts and humanities, education and science, humanitarian causes, medical research, and the environment. For further information, please contact Teri A Hansen a THansen@BarancikFoundation.org.