



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 3217

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Matching funds for the Miami-Dade County Community Violence Intervention Initiative to provide emotional and mental health support, resources, and interventions in communities most impacted by violence, specifically gun violence. Funds will be added to an existing Request for Proposal process to expand existing mental health services and/or add new services and/or providers that are rooted in best-practices, culturally sensitive, and responsive to residents. In Spring and Summer of 2021, Miami-Dade County saw a sharp increase in gun violence permeate throughout its communities, mirroring similar disturbing trends in major cities and counties throughout the country. In response to this epidemic, Miami-Dade County immediately implemented a multi-faceted response including the development of the Peace & Prosperity Plan and the deployment of Operation Community Shield, and the establishment of the Community Violence Intervention Initiative.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,605,560
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,605,560

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,605,560	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	1,605,560	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	3,211,120	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

\$1,419,320,111.50 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/ Other	Via an existing RFP process, extend existing programming and/or expand the number of CBOs, faith-based and grassroots groups that are facilitating mental health and wellness services to youth, adults, families and neighborhoods with a focus on healing in communities disproportionately impacted by gun-violence.	1,605,560
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,605,560

14. Program Performance



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a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?

Miami-Dade County, through its Police Department and its Office of Neighborhood Safety, has continuously focused on implementing innovative and sustainable solutions to reduce community violence, including gun violence. In 2021, a collective strategy was developed and employed to address this crisis locally, including the Peace & Prosperity Plan and Operation Community Shield, and establishment of the Community Violence Intervention Initiative.

Funds will be used to achieve the following goal(s):

1. Expand mental health and wellness services in communities impacted by gun violence, administered by individuals and entities with established credibility and community trust.
2. Victims (survivors), family members and the community are connected to various forms of mental health services and wraparound services.
3. Creation of a bi-directional referral system between organizations/government entities that provide basic needs assistance and community mental health providers.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

This program brings together the county's police and social services departments, along with the community partners, to expand and/or establish new mental health and wellness services in communities disproportionately impacted by violence, specifically gun violence. Funds will be used to embed culturally sensitive mental health services in communities that are both preventative and responsive (after a violent incident), serves the whole family, provides linkages to wraparound services, and are rooted in best-practices.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

The funding will support individual, family and group trauma-informed counseling services. Social emotional learning, anger management, mindfulness, identifying and managing stress and anxiety techniques, and communicating feelings with diplomacy are some of the focus areas that may be covered. Services can be offered in partnership with after school and older youth programs, community resource centers, public housing community centers, and other locations that ensures accessibility.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

Miami-Dade County communities - adults and youth residing in communities disproportionately impacted by gun violence.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

Expected outcomes include: Youth, adults, families and neighborhoods are connected to "culturally-sensitive" mental health and emotional wellness services in their community administered by trusted and credible community providers. Mental health services are linked to other forms of services including rental and utility assistance, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, workforce development, childcare, education and training, and basic needs, to name a few. Aggregate data will be collected regarding participants' served, outcomes, types of service provided, etc.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Funds could be provided on a reimbursement basis after services are performed.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information



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a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type

- ☐ For Profit Entity
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- ☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- ☒ Local Entity
- ☐ University or College
- ☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number