



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1490

1. Project Title Joshua Way of Hope Youth Prevention Program

2. Senate Sponsor Darryl Rouson

3. Date of Request 02/10/2023

4. Project/Program Description

Our prevention program aims to reduce generational poverty, juvenile delinquency and the use of vaping, drugs, tobacco and alcohol among students. The program has a strong focus on improving educational outcomes and creating economic independence for low-income students. We utilize the top evidence-based prevention program in the country, along with counseling, case management and a robust training program to help build strong positive character traits in our youth while teaching them valuable life skills in the core areas of educational, financial, physical, emotional and psychological functioning to enhance their growth and development.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

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

We are also applying for local grants and doing fundraising to support program.

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

No



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

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	Executive Director administrative salary will cover supervising staff, approving schedules and time sheets, reviewing client intake assessments, recruitment, prepare invoice for reimbursement, review, track and approve program expenses and monitor for program compliance with deliverables and performance measures. Executive Director will also have some operational duties such as providing counseling and training.	15,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	The salaries will cover five professional positions to assist with program development, counseling, training, case management, and educational support to the youth and families enrolled in the program.	156,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training Supplies, Case Management System, curriculum Materials, performance outcome measurement tools and assessments, computers & software, outreach activities and materials, website applications, rent, insurance, client transportation, field trips, student internships, student/volunteer/mentor stipend, recruitment and staff training.	129,000
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)		300,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The program's purpose is to prevent youth from failing in school, committing crime and using drugs which all three behaviors are drivers to poverty and crime. Our goal is to reduce generational recidivism of economic poverty and criminal justice involvement by providing life skills training, education support, counseling, employability skills and internships. Our goal is to minimize the effects of social issues/barriers affecting at-risk youths' ability to become healthy emotionally, educationally, physically, and financially to emerge as self-sufficient adults.

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

Individual/Family needs assessment, life skills training, counseling, mental wellness, healthy habits, mentoring, referrals, education assessment, educational support, case management, social-emotional learning competency training, internships, employability skills, financial literacy, goal setting, career planning, workshops, behavioral modification practice activities and personality test.

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

We will provide training, workshops and behavioral modification activities utilizing Botvin Life Skills, a certified Blueprint Model Plus evidence-based curriculum which research has documented that youth who participate in this curriculum shows significant reduction in delinquency, violence, verbal and physical aggression along with reducing tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Students will also receive counseling, education support and a mental wellness toolkit filled with techniques, strategies and coping mechanisms to help them manage their anger, emotions, behaviors and anxiety.

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

Our target population are students ages 10-23 that meet any of the following at-risk criteria: Poor school attendance and/or poor grades; Challenging behaviors; Low-income household; Family receives government assistance; Single Parent Household; Family history of involvement in the criminal or juvenile justice system; Family history of domestic violence or child abuse; Parent(s) has minimum education. We are anticipating on serving up to 150 youth.

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

The expected benefits of our program includes but are not limited to: Improved emotional, physical and mental wellness; Improved educational outcomes by ensuring students are promoted to the next grade level on time; Reduce the recidivism rate of generational economic poverty; Students become self-sufficient by having a career plan, employability skills and experience; Reduce the use of drugs, tobacco and alcohol for students; Divert youth from the criminal/juvenile justice system. We will utilize several methods to measure the level of benefit to students including evidence-based measurement tools, pretest and post-test evaluations, case management notes and documentation from schools and other agencies.

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?

Financial penalties should be applied for any deliverables and performance measure outcome that the organization does not achieve according the standard state financial consequence policy.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name
b. Organization
c. E-mail Address
d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization



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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