



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1366

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

"Character Builders" is a community-based mentoring program designed to foster character development, equip youth with essential life skills, and empower them to make positive choices that steer them away from violence. FEC program's is committed to helping young people in our community build a strong foundation for personal growth and responsible decision-making. Focus areas, 1. Mentorship, 2. Character Development Workshops, 3. Conflict Resolution Skills, 4. Decision-Making Skills, 5. Violence Prevention Education, 6. Community Involvement, 7. Supportive Network and 8. Life Skills Training.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	465,889
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>465,889</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	465,889	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>465,889</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

1. Private Foundations and Grants: Private foundations often have specific funds allocated to support community-based initiatives and can be a reliable source of funding for fatherhood programs. These foundations typically focus on areas like family support, child well-being, and community development.



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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.

## 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
  N/A

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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	The Project Director is responsible for developing and implementing a strategic plan, building and maintaining relationships with key partners and stakeholders, and monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the initiative., inclusive of salary, benefits & retirement.	49,717
Other Salary and Benefits	Clerical Support responsible for providing administrative & logistical support day-to-day management of the program, correspondence, maintaining program records and documents, development & implementation of program activities, social media presence and website, data entry, filing, and answering phones, preparation of reports and other program materials, inclusive of salary, benefits & retirement.	30,201
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This initiative will involve limited expenses such as travel costs for professional trainers and guest speakers, marketing expenses to promote this initiative, as well as event center costs for mentee trainings, character development, financial & educational literacy as well as insurance, rent, utilities.	29,400
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Circuit Program Manager responsible for overseeing daily operations of the S.E.C. Initiative. Duties include managing mentors training & recruitment, coordinating collaborations, child welfare services, responsible for ensuring financial & educational literacy workshops. Responsible for managing two county mentor(s) entities and stakeholder engagement, inclusive of salary, benefits & retirement.	64,731



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for the S.E.C. Initiative will include, computer processing units (cpu's), travel cost, event planning, office supplies, IT maintenance application and costs associated with developing and implementing program activities.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted service expenses for this initiative will include the execution of independent contractors with not-for profits entities, which will be deliverable based. There will also be consultancy fees for services contracts for evaluation of services, IT maintenance, training and youth development/ educational activities and events.	241,840
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>465,889</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

S.E.C. Elementary and Middle School Mentoring Series Initiative's primary goal is preventing youth entrance into the delinquency system and further reduce youth recidivism rates by providing targeted prevention & intervention evidence-based model programming for at-risk youth and their families. Providing life skills, character development training, family support services and financial & educational literacy that aims to diminish the likelihood of delinquent behavior.

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

Workshops on integrity, resilience, empathy, role-playing exercises to practice character traits, Community engagement activities to promote social responsibility, Personalized tutoring sessions, Workshops on study skills/time management, Access to academic resources/textbooks and educational materials, One-on-one guidance and counseling, Goal setting and action planning, Self-confidence building.

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

Character Development: We instill integrity, resilience, and empathy through workshops and community engagement.  
 Academic Support: Tailored tutoring, study skills, and resources for academic success.  
 Mentoring: Personalized guidance for goal setting and self-confidence.

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

The targeted population is at-risk youth, elementary and grade school students that reside in high-risk communities of single parent families, The total # of individuals to be served is approximately 125.

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

Measure assessing the impact of reducing criminal recidivism based on increased engagement with their children and the inherent conscious desire to be a positive example for their children. -Survey or self-reported data from both the fathers and the mothers or primary caregivers can be used to gather information on the fathers' ability to abstain from criminal activity. Character development, mentoring, and academic support programs significantly reduce juvenile justice system involvement, evidenced by a 30% decrease in juvenile arrests and school suspensions among participating children. -Survey or self-reported data from participating youth, parents and teachers in addition to interfacing with DJJ PAT.

**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?**



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Financial Deductions: Imposing fines or deductions in payment for every instance of non-compliance or failure to meet the agreed deliverables.  
 Contractual Remedies: Enforcing remedies stated in the contract like remedial actions or additional services at no extra cost to compensate for the failure in performance. Holding back or delaying payments until the agreed deliverables or performance measures are satisfactorily met. Initiating dispute resolution mechanisms like arbitration or mediation as specified in the contract to resolve issues related to non-compliance.

**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**

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**