



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1776

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

Pace is recognized nationally as an effective program for keeping girls out of the juvenile justice system. Through a network of 21 Pace Centers across Florida, Pace Center for Girls works with more than 3,000 middle- and high-school aged girls annually who are at risk of involvement with the justice system. Using a gender-responsive framework for academic and social services, Pace reduces the likelihood of negative outcomes tied to this set of risk factors and instead fosters academic engagement, positive youth development, and healthy relationships that increase rates of graduation and prevent future involvement with the justice system, leading to long-term well-being and success. The Pace model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, academic services with daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skills development and a year of after-care. The request is to add 15 total slots to existing Pace Centers and open a Pace Reach in Clay and Putnam Counties.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
 State Agency contacted? Yes No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	526,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	526,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	526000	82.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	17,472	3 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	96,907	15 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	640,379	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes No
 If yes, provide the most recent instance:

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

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes No
 If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative costs for personnel management, benefits administration, accounting, technology and compliance	86,790
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Social Services Program Staff salaries, benefits and training costs	370,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment, supplies, travel, student costs	69,210
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		526,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Funds will be used to add 15 slots total amongst Pace Centers in Polk, Palm Beach and Alachua Counties, and to open a Pace Reach program serving Clay and Putnam Counties, allowing those Centers to serve approximately 55 (15 in the Pace Centers, 40 through Pace Reach Counseling Services) more girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY 2020-21. Pace Centers operate 250 days per year and serve girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement. The goal of the Pace model is for all girls to lead productive, engaged and fulfilling lives. Towards that goal, Pace works to 1) Improve girls' academic outcomes; 2) Reduce risk behaviors that can lead to criminal involvement; 3) Improve interpersonal relationships; 4) increase self-efficacy and self-advocacy; 5) Improve skills in goal setting.

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

All girls attending the Pace Center receive comprehensive wrap-around social services, and the full academic school day. Once a girl transitions from Pace she receives a minimum of one year of follow-up services and after care. All girls in Pace Reach receive comprehensive wrap-around social services and the full academic school day is provided by others. Services provided in both the Center and Reach programs include: individual assessments, case management, individual trauma informed cognitive behavioral counseling and therapy, group counseling and therapy, Spirited Girls! Life skills curriculum, and family case management.

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

Comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day are provided for 15 girls at risk of delinquency through our Pace Centers. Funding will also add a Reach program serving an additional 40 girls annually in Clay and Putnam Counties. The Reach program provides the comprehensive wrap around social services, but girls in Reach do not receive their academic school day from Pace. Case management for the girl's family is also provided to ensure a stable home environment.

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

55 additional females ages 11-17 statewide who are at risk of juvenile justice system involvement and dropping out of school. The girls' families benefit from Pace both indirectly and through family engagement, home visits and counseling. The general public also benefits through increased public safety.

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

Short term outcomes for girls include 1) maintaining attendance and being enrolled in school; 2) advancing grade levels; 3) demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills; 3) reduction in risk behaviors. Long term outcomes for girls include 1) high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education or the workforce; 2) obtaining employment; 3) no involvement in the criminal justice system; 4: decreased economic dependency. Pace Centers utilize a combination of output data (e.g., number of girls served, dosage of services) and outcome data (data on the effectiveness or quality of services provided), to measure outcomes. Outcome data includes the percent of girls that increase their academic performance as measured through credits earned, report card, grade advancement, graduation or obtaining a GED.

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 in the contract?

Our current contract with DJJ outlines penalties for failing to meet deliverables. DJJ may reduce the amount of monthly payment if sufficient evidence shows that deliverables were not met. Outcomes for FY 2018-19 include the following: 82% of girls statewide improved academically while at Pace and 93% had no further involvement with the juvenile justice system one year after completing Pace.



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12. **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.**

No fixed capital outlay funding is requested.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

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

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.