



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2810

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Pace Center for Girls, Orange County request funds to build a new facility for the Pace Orange Center, A Department of Juvenile Justice prevention program, the program has received national recognition and awards for its evidence-based trauma informed approaches to keeping girls out of the juvenile justice system and onto more productive paths. Academic and Mental Health programs operate 250 days per year and serve approximately 250 girls at risk of justice system involvement in FY 2023-24. Pace Orange is currently housed in Winter Park Florida in a severely aging 15,000 sq. ft. The new facility will include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, and other school safety features.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>

**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)	2,000,000	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 2023-2024</b>	<b>2,000,000</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.**
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10. **Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?**



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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)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

December 2023

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

December 2025

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.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc.  
 Mary Marx, CEO - Chief Executive Officer  
 Thresa Giles, CFO - Chief Finance Officer

### 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to build a new facility for the Pace Orange Center and Reach programs to include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, a Reach office and other school safety features.	2,000,000
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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



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Pace Orange will be able to serve 65 girls in its day program and 100 girls through its community-based Reach mental health services. Servicing more girls will allow us to continue to support reducing the recidivism rate for female youth, whereas at this time 92% of girls in the Pace program do not reenter the juvenile justice system (12-month review). In addition, this new facility will serve as a campus for girls to achieve graduation and earn credits to promote from grade to grade.

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

A nonresidential delinquency prevention program with 17 locations across the state of Florida, PACE helps girls confront a wide range of serious risks including school failure histories of abuse and neglect, and health and psychological issues. PACE helps girls confront a wide range of serious risks including school failure histories of abuse and neglect, and health and psychological issues. PACE programming extends beyond the school to the home; PACE staff provide support and case management services to the girls as well as their families. These services include three years of comprehensive "transition" services that begin the day each girl completes the day program. The goal of transition services is to support each girl to continue her education, obtain employment, attain goals she chooses for herself, or obtain appropriate referral information after leaving the PACE Center.

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

Citizens (girls between the ages of 11-17) will receive daily academic instruction, free mental health counseling sessions, case management services, transportation to and from school if needed, free daily breakfast and lunch, career exploration and discovery courses.

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

Girls between the ages 11-17. We anticipate serving 165 girls and their families annually.

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

Based on our current data, we anticipate:  
 89% of girls to improve academically while at Pace.  
 96% of girls to have no involvement with the juvenile justice system one year after completing Pace.  
 96% of girls in school, higher education or employed one year after completing Pace.

**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?**

Our current DJJ contract details consequences for non-performance - we would expect the same would apply here.

**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)



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- 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**