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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** PACE Center for Girls - Hernando County

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/08/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

PACE is recognized nationally as an effective program for keeping girls out of the juvenile justice system. PACE serves girls 11-17 and has developed an effective system of care across 20 PACE Centers serving 20 counties in Florida to meet the needs of girls with histories of trauma, abuse and violence in their past. The PACE model supports social, emotional and academic success in a holistic, strength based environment and serves as a gender-responsive alternative to the delinquency system for adolescent girls. The PACE model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, academic services with daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skills development and three years of after-care. PACE Centers operate year-round and are structured like a school in that girls attend daily, take core subjects and work towards a high school diploma, GED or to return to their home school on grade level. The request for FY 2018-19 is to operate a PACE Center in Hernando County.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Juvenile Justice

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,400,000		1,400,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	9,600	0.5%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	386,000	21.5%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	395,600	22.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 1,795,600

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

1,400,000

11. Program Performance:

- What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

Funds will be used to continue operating a PACE Center in Hernando County that operates 250 days per year and serves 160 (60 in the PACE day program, 100 in Reach) girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY 2019. 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.

- What are the activities and services that 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 3 years 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 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.

- How will the funds be expended?



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director salary and benefits	124,565
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative costs for personnel management, benefit administration, accounting & financial management and technology	303,170
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Social services program and academic staff salaries, benefits and training	663,197
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, travel, training, student transportation and meals	309,068
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,400,000

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day are provided for 60 girls at risk of delinquency through our PACE Day Program. PACE Hernando also has a Reach program expected to serve 100 girls in FY 2017-18. 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.



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

160 11-17 year old girls in Hernando County at risk for 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.

f. 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; 4) 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. 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 % of girls that increase their academic performance as measured through credits earned, report card, grade advancement, graduation or obtaining a GED.

g. 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 amount of monthly payment if sufficient evidence shows that deliverables were not met. Outcomes for FY 2016-17 include the following: 90% of girls statewide improved academically while at PACE and 95% had no further involvement with the juvenile justice system one year after completing PACE.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

No fixed capital outlay funding is requested.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** PACE Center for Girls
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** PACE Center for Girls
- b. **County:** Hernando
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College



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☐ Other (Please specify)

d. Contact Name: Jodi Stevens

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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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