



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1104

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) provides comprehensive wraparound, support and advocacy services to help prevent probation youth in Pinellas County, at high risk to reoffend, from further criminal justice system involvement and residential commitment. Through individually tailored, strength-based programming, YAP cultivates sustainable supports; interpersonal, academic, vocational life skills; character development, accountability and resilience needed for productive community living. YAP provides courts and neighborhoods with safe, secure environments for Department of Juvenile Justice involved youth to change course and fulfill court-imposed community service obligations. Reduces recidivism; decreases criminal/truancy/negative behaviors; increases academic/vocational engagement. Responsive to DJJ efforts of "reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth."

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**  Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	88%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	65,680	12%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>565,680</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	200,000	1196	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**  Yes

a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**

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

There are no funds in lieu of state funding. These youth are going to be served by the state because they are already in the system. These funds allow them to be served for significantly less than will be spent if they enter the adult correctional system.



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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.**

**11. 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	Administrative office functions including mandatory reporting and record keeping; confidentiality of data and communications.	2,677
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, insurance, office supplies, building rental and training.	45,455
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Program Director, Coordinator and Advocates providing client services including home visits, oversight of Advocates and administrative backup.	376,365
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, insurance, craft and office supplies, building rental, ancillary fund, training, activity fund and supported work.	75,503
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>500,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) wraparound advocacy and support services will help approximately 75-80 Pinellas County high risk youth annually who are juvenile justice involved or at risk of system involvement avoid detention/institutional placement and live productively in their homes, schools and communities. Reduces recidivism; decreases criminal/truancy/negative behaviors; increases academic and vocational engagement of high-risk youth/young adults. Saves lives and money; improves community health.

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

Evidence based/informed, age appropriate, gender specific services include intake/assessment, individualized service plans, mentoring, life skills, family engagement, career development, supported work. Culturally sensitive activities: relationship building; resilience/character/accountability; employability/vocational; academic support; community service/restitution opportunities/court accompaniment; anger/conflict management; literacy/money management; health/nutrition; COVID education/PPE ;transportation.

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

Diversion from criminal/juvenile justice system involvement; Improved academic engagement, family involvement, and mental/emotional/physical health awareness; Enhanced economic self-sufficiency through career and vocational development; reduced recidivism, criminal behaviors, school suspensions and truancy. YAP connects youth/families to sustainable resources; 24/7 crisis aid. Will also serve youth with relevant needs who relocate to FL. from storm-ravaged islands (Puerto Rico/US Virgin Islands).

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



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The target population is comprised of approximately 75-80 Department of Justice involved youth in Pinellas County ages eight to 17. Includes youth on probation, at-risk of residential/institutional placement (2 or more future criminal/juvenile justice indicators) and prolific juvenile offenders. Disproportionately more likely to be of color, usually are at/near the poverty level. Many are crossover/multi-system involved. Complex challenges include behavioral/mental health concerns, trauma.

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

Anticipated outcomes include: Increases in a.) School attendance and graduation rates/vocational certifications; b.) Employability skills/training; c.) Community engagement/cultural enrichment. d.) Compliance with mental and behavioral health treatment e.) Awareness of dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Decreases are expected in a.) New charges, adjudications, criminal behaviors and future legal system involvement; b.) School disciplinary measures and suspensions. Monitoring reports track youth activities and improvements. Each youth's program case file documents what services have been provided and when. Case files also detail incurred benefits. School and court records track behaviors.

**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?**

Should performance measures not be met, corrective action plans may be effectuated, or the contract and funding may be terminated.

**13. 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 FCO is being requested.



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#### 14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number  Ext.

#### 15. 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

#### 16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number