



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1903

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this request is to sustain the Girls Matters: Continuity of Care (CCM) successful community-based program which slows down the conveyor belt of girls going deeper into the justice system and stops the revolving door of girls cycling in and out of the system due to unaddressed mental health needs. We have proven that girls in or at serious risk of entering the justice system can be better served in the local community and save the state significant funding by preventing girls who do not pose a public safe risk from being committed to costly residential commitment programs far away from their homes. Training stakeholders improves the continuity of care. An investment of \$400,000 in the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center's CCM program and training interrupts the path to the justice system for 63 girls and saves the state \$4.5M. Since the program's inception, incarceration of girls has been reduced by 57% in Duval County compared to 16% statewide.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>400,000</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)	400,000	80%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	74,000	15%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	22,750	5%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>496,750</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20		300,000	1222	No

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?**

**If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.**

Payroll Protection Program - \$352,900

**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	President & CEO .1 FTE plus 30% fringe. The President & CEO oversees the longterm sustainability of the organization and ensures services are provided in accordance with best practices and in compliance with regulations and mandates.	19,500
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Mental Health Professional 1 FTE (\$55,900) w/ 30% fringe Care Managers 2 FTE (\$96,202) w/ 30% fringe Care Coordination Manager- 1 FTE (\$65,000) w/ 30% fringe School Programs Manager .2 FTE (\$13,000) w/ 30% fringe Dir of Model Programming .5 FTE (\$45,500) w/ 30% fringe Finance and Compliance Analyst .2 FTE (\$15,600 w/ 30% fringe Chief Operating Officer .1 FTE (\$11,700) w/ 30% fringe VP Research .1 FTE (\$11,440) w/ 30% fringe	314,342
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, building occupancy, phone, technology, travel, operating supplies and expenses	41,158
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consulting services from President Emeritus for education, training, and technical assistance	25,000
<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>400,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

The goals of CCM are to (1) reduce risk factors leading to deeper juvenile justice system involvement and interrupt the revolving door of girls who cycle in and out due to unaddressed mental health needs; (2) increase access to community-based girl-centered therapeutic services by training stakeholders who provide referral services; (3) provide interventions at multiple points to interrupt the pathway for girls who are at risk of justice involvement (suspension, arrest, detention, probation, court, commitment, reentry); (4) interrupt pathways of abuse and trauma that lead to girls' internalizing (e.g, suicide ideation, self mutilation) and externalizing behaviors (e.g., running away, delinquency).

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



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1. Individual/family counseling focused on root causes. Individualized sessions held at office, home, school, neighborhoods.
2. Mobile Care Management/Crisis Intervention (on-call 24/7/365)
3. School intervention (as appropriate), which includes individualized care management and referrals for services, skills building, mentoring, advocacy within the school regarding academic and disciplinary matters.
4. Detention Center Services: Safety, Action, Values, Victory, Yes I can (SAVVY) enrichment group sessions for skill building in safety, communication, emotions, etc.
5. Transitional Services: assistance with housing, reintegrating families, ongoing counseling and care management
6. Gender responsive/girl centered skills building training to stakeholders to improve continuity of care

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

Services are designed to improve public safety by addressing the root causes of justice involvement. Direct services include intensive intervention to under served at risk girls/families living in high risk/under resourced neighborhoods. We collaborate with law enforcement, judges, state attorneys, public defenders and support their efforts to reduce juvenile crime, which directly benefits citizens by decreasing crime and creating safer communities. In-school services directly support our local schools by reducing suspensions. Business owners benefit through the placement of girls as effective employees. Citizens benefit by the improved public safety and better use of tax dollars. Providers benefit by improving skills of staff to provide better services. The girls benefit by having the opportunity to be contributing citizens.

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

Girls (ages of 5-17) in or at risk of entering the justice system and their family members in Duval, Baker, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay Counties. 63 girls will receive intensive therapeutic services and additional 72 girls will be served through groups at the detention center or in teen court. Girls in the First Coast region reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category-physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors on the DJJ Prevention Assessment Community Tool (PACT) Assessment. 20 stakeholders will be trained in gender responsive skills building to improve continuity of care.

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

Improved mental health: 100% will have access to individualized counseling/therapeutic interventions; 90% will demonstrate improved mental health as evidenced by reduced risk and need scores in the mental health domains as measured by the DJJ Prevention Assessment Community Tool (PACT); Reduced recidivism: 90% will avoid arrests for new criminal offenses as evidenced by Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) reports; 90% will be diverted from residential commitment. Increased Knowledge and Skills: 95% of stakeholder training participants will report increases in knowledge & skills as evidenced by change scores on pre and post test.

**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?**

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables provided for in the contract is a reduction in the amount of the monthly payment after finding substantial evidence of non-delivery of service(s) as required by the Contract. The suggested penalty for failing to meet performance measures provided for in the contract is a review of the deficiency to determine if it is critical, major, or minor. If it is a critical deficiency or minor deficiency, the opportunity to work with prevention staff to correct and close out the deficiency. If it is a major deficiency, an Outcome Based Corrective Action Plan will be created and submitted to the Department of Juvenile Justice for review and approval.

**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.**

n/a



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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