



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1941

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 Centers for Girls works with more than 3,200 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. The Pace model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skill development and a year of after-care. The request for FY 2021-22 is for funding to build a 15,000 sq. ft. facility for the Pace Center in Hernando County and Reach Program.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

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)	3,500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	3,500,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	3,500,000	1203A	Yes

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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No

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
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to build a 15,000 sq. ft. facility for the Pace Center and Reach Program to include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, a Reach office, and other school safety features such as a single point of entry.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The new building will be used for the Pace Center and Reach Program that operates 250 days per year and serve approximately 250 girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY 21-22. Currently Pace Hernando and the Reach Program are operated out of portables behind the J.D. Floyd elementary school. The portables were intended to be a temporary option and come with their own set of challenges. The new facility will include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, a Reach office and other school safety features such as a single point of entry. The goal of the Pace program 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, and 5) Improve skills in goal setting.

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

The building will be used to serve approximately 250 girls annually who are at risk of juvenile justice system involvement. Girls receive wrap around social services such as therapy, counseling and life skills. Girls in the Pace Center also receive their full academic school day. Services are provided in a trauma-informed, gender-responsive and strength-based environment.

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

The building will house a Pace Center and central operations for Pace Reach, providing comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day to 100 girls at risk of delinquency through our Pace Center and comprehensive wrap around social services to an additional 150 girls annually through Pace Reach. 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?



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Middle and high school age girls 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.

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

Funding will provide a safe space for Pace girls to receive comprehensive wrap around social services and their full academic school day. 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; and 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; and 4) decreased economic dependency. Pace Center 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 percentage 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 the contract?

All Pace contracts with DJJ outline penalties for failing to meet deliverables. DJJ may reduce payments to Pace if sufficient evidence shows that deliverables were not met.

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.

The building will be the property of the Pace Center for Girls.



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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