



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1120

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

THE LAB. YMCA Leadership Academy provides middle and high school youth, aged 12 to 17, a safe, supervised space where they are empowered to reach their full potential engaging in activities that focus on academic achievement, college and career readiness, leadership and workforce development, media innovation and civic engagement; utilizing technology, training, and mentorship.  
 THE LAB serves 1,000 area teens annually, including those from economically disadvantaged zip codes.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	170,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>170,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	170,000	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 2022-2023</b>	<b>170,000</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.

Through YMCA membership and program dues, financial support by community partners: Truist, Office Depot, ADT, JM Family Enterprises, Baptist Health South Florida, and SBA Communications, and grants from Wells Fargo, Paycom, and Boca West Children's Foundation.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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Yes

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

We received two PPP loans for Payroll. The first in the amount of \$1,361,277, and the second in the amount of \$1,388,299, which was received, but not yet forgiven.

**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		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	Program expenses, including transportation, program supplies, and scholarships.	170,000
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>170,000</b>

**12. Program Performance**

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

A critical growing need exists for programs that provide a safe space for teens to engage in positive activities, develop skills, relieve stress, and have fun. Teens are in desperate need of the values embedded in Y programs. The Covid-19 pandemic, global social issues, and social media impacts are having devastating effects on teen mental health. Research shows teens, especially from low-income households, are experiencing a decline in emotional and mental health and academic success. Social distancing and interruption of typical school routines can be challenging, and many are experiencing symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress; losing hope for their future. Teen suicide rates are rising, and according to the CDC, "among adolescents aged 12–17 years, ... suspected suicide attempts were 22.3% higher during summer 2020 and 39.1% higher during winter 2021...". Teens have a space to thrive, relieve stress, and focus on positive growth.

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

Year-round, leadership development programming. Open Monday through Friday 3 to 10pm, weekends 10am to 6pm, and all day during camp. Teens interact with positive role models who guide them through fun, engaging activities to help prepare them for college and workforce success; provide options for non-college bound youth; and to understand their impact on community. Activities include service learning projects, Career exploration with Lynn University, college/employment applications, resume building and interviewing; public speaking; podcasts, robotics, 3D printing, coding, film and acting school, fashion design, and more.

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



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75% of all high school students have used an addictive substance. Engaged youth are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, less likely to drop out of high school, and less likely to be involved in criminal behavior. High quality out-of-school programs, with adult supervision, promotes personal safety and decreases risky behaviors such as smoking or drug abuse, creating an environment where young people learn better and are able to thrive. Research shows that empowering youth and allowing them the opportunity to participate in the community benefits their development greatly. When youth engage in community activities, they develop skills needed to be effective leaders, and understand their impact on community.

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

THE LAB serves middle and high school youth, ages 12 to 17, from multiple dimensions of diversity, living in south Palm Beach County. In 2022, 1,000 teens, with an average daily attendance of 40 to 50, will participate in programs, camps, statewide rallies, and our Middle School Initiative. The Middle School Initiative will help reduce the achievement gap by providing opportunity for 100 at-risk teens from economically challenged neighborhoods to participate in Saturday programs at no cost; transportation is provided from Pearl City, Delray Beach, and Boynton Beach.

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

Teens receive measurable benefits from participating in quality, out-of-school time programs. At the Y, we strive to increase the number of teens served, as we know that if we get them to participate we can positively affect their lives. Program goals are to:  
 Provide a safe and interactive space where all teens have opportunity to discover new interests, collaborate with one another, and prepare for future success and service through leadership development, civic engagement, college and career readiness, and workforce development.  
 Provide opportunities for at-risk teens to develop better social skills, gain greater knowledge of themselves, and foster lifelong relationships; and help teens improve mental health.  
 Help teens reach their full potential and ensure they are equipped for success during life and after high school, through proven concepts grounded in Five Pillars elements: 1) Academics, 2) College Knowledge, 3) Positive Relationships, 4) Life Skills, and 5) Positive Identit

**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?**

The YMCA of South Palm Beach County is committed to empowering youth to reach their full potential. This leadership and academic enrichment program helps teens build skills and confidence, ensuring every teen has an opportunity to pursue their best possible future. The Y is committed to providing this program; have secured staff; and continue to seek community support funding in order to meet deliverables through 2023. Current support from community partners includes: Truist, Office Depot, ADT, JM Family Enterprises, Baptist Helath South Florida, and SBA Communications.

**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