



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1848

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of the funds is to provide youth 14 to 19 years old in the Jacksonville area who are currently at or below the moderate to low income levels, with access to services in a structured academic setting that addresses substance use disorders and behavioral health challenges in a structured academic setting. The following services are included: Individual and Group Counseling; Academic Tutoring; GED Prep; Toxicology Screenings; Courtroom Advocacy; Case Management; Assessment and Screening; Community Interactions; and Parent/Family Counseling. The program also includes meals for the youth.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	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 2022-2023	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	200,000	367	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.

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



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

Received a \$39,558.65 PPP Loan and used the funds for payroll costs.

11. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director	60,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Counselor 52,000 Teacher 40,000	92,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, equipment, supplies	94,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Food Service	54,000
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		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose of this funding is to allow organization to provide health services to adolescents 14-19 years of age in an academic environment. The youth served are generally from families who have incomes below the poverty level, are predominantly African-American. The youth will receive a full array of clinical and academic services in a supportive and nurturing academic environment to assist in matriculation through high school and beyond.

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

Participants in the program will receive a full clinical and academic workup, individual and group counseling, academic tutoring, mentoring, toxicology screening, courtroom advocacy, and opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities such as art, music, yoga, and organized youth sports.

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

Direct services will include, but are not limited to, bio-psychosocial assessment, individual and group counseling services, academic tutoring services, mentoring, breakfast and lunch, and transportation.

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

The target population for this program are youth ages 14-19 who have a substance use disorder and/or behavioral health challenges. These youth have indicated a desire to achieve a drug-free status and finish school. The youth in the program are below the moderate to poor income level. Approximately 90% are African-American. Approximately 40% are females and 4% are LGBTQ. The program is expected to serve 75 to 100 youth.

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



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Students will be provided various assessments upon entry to program. These assessments will measure mental health and substance use challenges in the youth. These benchmarks will be used to determine progress at the 30, 60, and 90-day marks. Evaluation tools include the Beck depression index, Texas Tech traumatic index, and the subtle substance abuse and screening index. The program will also advocate for the youth in the court system or school system to provide alternatives to confinement and expulsion, ultimately reducing recidivism and improving graduation rates.

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 deliverables not be met or funding not fully utilized, the department may place additional sanctions on the funds or withdraw from the contract.

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