



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2579

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

North American Family Institute's Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) is an evidenced-based approach to build trust and break down stereotypes between adolescents and neighborhood police. The training is designed to reduce negative youth and police interactions and tensions within the community, resulting in a diversion from criminal activity and a reduction of juvenile crime within the community.

Five law enforcement departments are interested in introducing the YPI approach within their departments if funding is secured. NAFI will utilize the Train-the-Trainer model to train and certify police officers within each department with the goal of developing and sustaining internal capacity for each department to continue the YPI training on a regular basis without additional funding.

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

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)	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 2022-2023	500,000	100%

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.



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

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	YPI certified training coordinators and master trainers to train law enforcement candidates during the delivery of 4 annual cohorts of YPI Train-the-Trainer model in each of the five specified law enforcement departments.	280,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies, copyrighted training manuals, youth stipends, group meals, youth/family transportation, graduation events, liability, travel.	140,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Independent research from a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice will verify data collected from each YPI training cohort for the purpose of validating fidelity of the model and shifts in belief by all participants through pre and post-testing, focus groups, field surveys and field work.	80,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

The Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) is a five-day training program that provides police with the skills and tools to understand and deal with adolescents within the communities they serve; and simultaneously for participating youth to learn new ways to understand, perceive and deal with police authority. The intent is for both parties to examine and potentially discard their prejudices, negative views and perceptions of each other. Five law enforcement departments in Polk, Hillsborough, Sarasota, Okaloosa and Broward Counties have expressed interest in introducing the YPI training program within their departments if one-time funding is secured. The Train-the-Trainer model of the YPI will provide internal capacity within each department to sustain and continue positive engagement with law enforcement within the communities they serve.

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



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During each five-day YPI training cohort, participating police and selected neighborhood youth receive services by a YPI Master Trainer using a copyrighted training manual that is didactic as well as experiential. Daily objectives include topics such as: implicit bias, life choices, the impact of social media, etc. Each day starts with an ice breaker and includes a team building exercise. Through scenarios where youth take the role of the police and the police take the role of a youth, the participants break down social interactions, problem solve de-escalation techniques and addressing negative stereotypes. Each training ends with a light dinner. A graduation event follows the training, with stakeholders, community members, school representatives and legislators in attendance. Youth are presented with certificates and stipends by police participants, and are given the opportunity to share their experiences. An action plan is devised to continue the relationships and bonding.

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

During the course of the training cultural differences are discussed and mutual stereotyping is reduced between youth and law enforcement. Communication and understanding is achieved. Both groups participate in problem solving and de-escalation techniques. Empathy, trust and sustainable relationships are achieved between participating adolescents and neighborhood police officers, reducing the possibility of negative interactions within the community and the possibility of reducing juvenile crime within the community.

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

As stated above, the Train-the Trainer model will be utilized to train and certify up to six selected police candidates within each of the five departments over the course of four YPI training cohorts annually, with the goal of up to 24 total certified trainers to sustain the project internally within each department. The training includes four YPI cohorts with ten to fifteen community youth and up to eight officers who patrol their neighborhoods. With five departments participating in this project, the median total for each department will be 50 youth and 32 officers, for a total of 200 youth and 128 officers for this project.

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

The expected benefit for police officers and participating adolescents within the neighborhoods they serve is to achieve positive attitudinal change resulting in opportunities for sustained relationships between officers and youths, reducing community conflicts and juvenile crime that is supported by independent research and statistics. A professor from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice will verify data collected from each cohort for the purpose of validating the fidelity of the model, including documented objectives, pre and post-tests, field surveys, and focus groups. Mentoring and sustained activities between the youth and police of each cohort will also be documented.

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?

Failure to meet deliverables will result in financial forfeitures.

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.

Not applicable



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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