



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2690

1. Project Title**2. Senate Sponsor****3. Date of Request****4. Project/Program Description**

The Youth of Valor Empowerment (YOVE), is an After School Leadership Development Program for underprivileged at-risk teenage girls attending public schools. The program has been in existence for over 10 years, designed and committed to create an opportunity for a better world for at risks teenage girls living on undeserved community to succeed. The YOVE Program help to prepare the girls for college and career readiness in order to help create a pathway out of poverty. The Program is committed to empower and equip the girls by bringing them in contact with successful mentors to help them develop, build and enhance their skills. The girls are connected to mentors in their fields of interests and expand their horizons to new areas; ensure that they have the tools to grow up healthy, educated and confident. The Program partners with community colleges and university in the community. The Y.O.V.E. Program is currently equipping girls in two major public schools in Miami Dade County.

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		

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	The Project Head is responsible for Program Management activities across the Circle of Love Empowers Women And Girls, Inc. DBA Youth of Valor Empowerment (Y.O.V.E.) to create and implement best practice within the organization, vision, strategy, policies, processes and procedures to aid and improve organization's performance.	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	The Administrative Assistant is responsible for carrying out the day-to-day organizational tasks and facilitating efficient communication across the entire organization to include connecting with volunteers.	26,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travel, staff professional development training,	7,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Assistant Program Coordinator is responsible to expand the outreach and engagement between the YOVE program by tracking, engaging and supporting the program participants as they move into education/professional/technical /military training and enter the workforce. Follow through on their life plans to stay on track in order to help them achieve financial independence and engaged with program activities.	29,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	For the purchase of software application tools to support virtual coaching for the Y.O.V.E. program, special software video for showcasing student success and progress, for office occupancy cost, custom uniforms, marketings, computers/software to expand engagement between students, mentors and the public school, bus service rental and others.	145,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting Services/audit services, evaluation/grant services	23,000
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 requested staffing would assist to engage the program network of volunteers, mentees and connect with the YOVE alumnae graduates who serve as volunteers as well. The video tools and software would help to develop training videos, help to expand mentoring, networking and assist with job opportunities for the YOVE participants and alumnae. Will create program expansion and engagement between the YOVE program by tracking, engaging and supporting the program participants as they move into education/professional/technical /military training and enter the workforce. The office space expansion will help to expand the LOVE Dress For Empowerment internal boutique where the girls come to receive clothing, undergarments and to learn how to dress for empowerment for job interviews. It will also assist to create the first class Y.O.V.E. custom uniforms for the girls due to lack of personal clothing for public presentation.



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

The Youth of Valor Empowerment (YOVE) program builds leadership skills and character traits in the girls, such as honesty, personal accountability, learning to listen to the viewpoints of others, develops clear communication skills, critical thinking about their lives, the choices they make and sound decision making. Through goal settings, the YOVE girls work on reaching tangible goals like boost up their grades and to bring their attendance up. These skills are essential to success in schools and in their entire life.

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

The YOVE Program provides continuous coaching to effectively develop the girls' self-esteem, help to equip them by monitoring their progress report. In addition, works closely with the girls to develop their full potentials in order to help them succeed and to achieve their goals by providing counseling and advocacy where they need it the most in their core academic content area. Also include annual community college tour, to increase high school graduation and college acceptance rates among the Y.O.V.E. girls, increase the college attendance rate of the YOVE girls and to increase career preparation readiness for the YOVE Girls.

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

Underprivileged at risks teenage girls attending public schools from 9-12 grades; expected from 75 to 150, the YOVE Program works with two major public schools in Miami-Dade County.

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

The YOVE Program achieves success stories with up to 97% of at risk girls in the program graduate from high school yearly, up to 88% have strong plan to enroll in higher education. The YOVE Program has often visited by leaders from local community colleges, eight out of ten at risk girls have pursued higher education, job readiness, and report that the program has significantly changed their lives. Will be measured by (Graduation rates, surveys and progress monitoring for the girls).

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 Circle of Love Empowers Women And Girls, Inc. will pay the State reimbursement.

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