

LFIR # 1303

Youth and Police Initiative (YPI) and Youth Mentoring - Train-the-Trainer Program

2. Senate Sponsor Colleen Burton

**3. Date of Request** 11/15/2023

# 4. Project/Program Description

Featured in Police Chief Magazine in 2023, YPI, a North American Family Institute (NAFI) program, is an evidenced-based approach that focuses on building trust and breaking down stereotypes between teenagers and local law enforcement. The training is designed to reduce negative youth and police interactions and tensions within the community, resulting in diversion from criminal activity and a reduction in juvenile crime within communities where it has been implemented. A mentorship component will be implemented as a follow up to each YPI.

Four 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.

### 5. State Agency to receive requested funds

Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency contacted? Yes

# 6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	514,215
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	514,215

# 7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	514,215	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 2024-2025	514,215	100%

# 8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year Amount			
(уууу-уу)	Recurring	Nonrecurring	Appropriation #	
2023-24	0	500,000	1207	No

# 9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



Not aware of any other funding opportunities. The one-time funding request will be utilized to train and certify selected police officers within each new participating department and to develop internal capacity to sustain the Youth and Police Initiative on a regular basis within their respective communities.

# 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.

# **Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects**

# 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

O Planning O Design O Construction O N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

- d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?
- 12. List 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.

# 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Description	Amount
NAFI Director of Prevention	83,885
Staff Development Coordinator and Training Staff Support	58,670
Background checks, advertising/recruitment	1,520
	0
	0
Travel, accommodations, program supplies and food, equipment, shipping, license fee, subscriptions, indirect costs	137,525
Independent research from a John Jay College of Criminal Justice Professor to verify data collected from the program to validate fidelity of the model and shifts in perspectives by all participants. YPI National Director. 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 three specified law enforcement departments.	232,615
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Planning Engineering	ust equal total from question #6)	514.215
Construction/Renovation/Land/		0

### 14. Program Performance

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

The Youth Police Initiative and Mentoring program breaks down stereotypes between youth and police by having youth and local PD officers interact in a non-crisis setting. The program starts with a five-day intensive YPI training where both parties examine and discard their stereotypes and negative perceptions of each other. It is followed by various mentoring opportunities for graduates to further build trust with local officers. 4 local PD to build internal capacity to sustain the program after Y1.

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

Local youth and officers will participate in a five-day initial training followed by several mentorship opportunities including a combination of one-on-one and small group programs, utilizing existing programs available through local partners who have agreed to be a part of this program. Four separate rounds will be implemented - up to six locals will become certified trainers.

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

The copyrighted curriculum is both didactic and experiential. Sessions include ice breakers, team building, public speaking, group process, goal development and scenario role play. Focus is given to deescalating problem behavior and understanding respective points of view. As youth and police participate in the training, negative stereotypes are broken, and positive relationships are created.

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

As previously stated, the Train-the Trainer program will be utilized to train and certify up to six selected local individuals within each of the four departments and communities over the course of four YPI training cohorts (total of 24 certified trainers). This local capacity-building program will allow each of the participating communities to implement YPI indefinitely at a very low cost. The Train-the-Trainer model includes four YPI cohorts with up to 15 youth in each and up to eight officers who patrol their neighborhoods. Each YPI will be followed by mentorship activities for youth graduates. With four departments participating in this project, 60 youth and 32 officers will have completed the training in each community at the conclusion of the funding (total of 240 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 benefits for participating local officers and local youth are to achieve positive attitudinal changes resulting in opportunities for sustained relationships between officers and youths that reduce community conflicts and ultimately juvenile crime. These outcomes are based upon independent research and statistics from over ten studies. A professor from John Jay College of Criminal Justice will be contracted to collect data from each cohort through pre and post surveys and follow-up interviews to measure shifts in attitude of both youth and police regarding safety, trust, understanding and willingness to positively engage.

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?

Refund of monies if deliverables are not met.

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