



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2448

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

Pace is recognized nationally as an effective program for keeping girls out of the juvenile justice system. Through a network of 21 Pace Centers across Florida, Pace Centers for Girls works with more than 3,000 middle- and high- school aged girls annually who are at risk of involvement with the justice system. Using a gender-responsive framework for academic and social services, Pace reduces the likelihood of negative outcomes tied to this set of risk factors and instead fosters academic engagement, positive youth development, and healthy relationships that increase rates of graduation and prevent future involvement with the justice system. The Pace model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skill development and a year of after-care. The request for FY 2024-25 is for funding to build a facility for the Pace Center in Volusia County.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	4,500,000

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)	4,500,000	75%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,500,000	25%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	6,000,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.**

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.

Payroll Protection funding: \$4,000,000 received in May of 2021. Funds were used for rent and mortgage payments for Pace Centers; the employee portion of benefits; and temporary salary increases for staff retention. Employee Retention Tax Credit: \$9,810,000 received in May 2023. Funds were used for mortgage payments, new computers for staff and girls and Center maintenance and upgrades.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 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.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc., a 501(c)(3) will be the owners of the building. Pace has architectural renderings and prototype plans and is in the process of identifying property on which to build a facility.

13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to build a facility in Volusia County for the Pace Center serving girls in Volusia and Flagler Counties, to include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, offices, and other school safety features.	4,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		4,500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The new building will be used for the Pace Center in Volusia County that operates 250 days per year and serves girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement. Currently Pace Volusia operates out of a 100-year-old historic building that is dilapidated and is insufficient space to serve at full capacity. The building was also damaged by Hurricane Ian. The new facility will include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, offices and other safety features, and will allow us to serve more girls in the County. The goal of the Pace program is for all girls to lead productive, engaged and fulfilling lives.

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

The building will be used to serve approximately 100 girls annually who are at risk of juvenile justice system involvement. Girls receive wrap around social services such as therapy, counseling and life skills. Girls in the Pace Center also receive their full academic school day. Services are provided in a trauma-informed, gender-responsive and strength-based environment. The facility will also include a culinary arts program.

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

The building will house a Pace Center, providing comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day to approximately 100 girls at risk of delinquency. Case management for the girl's family is also provided to ensure a stable home environment. The goal of the Pace program is to prevent justice system involvement, and for girls to lead productive, engaged and fulfilling lives.

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

Pace will serve approximately 100 middle and high school age girls at risk for juvenile justice system involvement and dropping out of school. The girls' families benefit from Pace both indirectly and through family engagement, home visits and counseling. The general public also benefits through increased public safety.

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

Funding will provide a safe space for Pace girls to receive comprehensive wrap around social services and their full academic school day. Short term outcomes for girls include 1) maintaining attendance and advancing grade levels 2) demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills; and 3) reduction in risky behaviors. Long term outcomes include 1) high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education or the workforce; 2) obtaining employment; 3) no involvement in the criminal justice system; and 4) decreased economic dependency. Pace Center utilizes a combination of output data and outcome data to measure outcomes.

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?

Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number