



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2661

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

To provide mental and behavioral health counseling and services to approximately 400 students, grades 6-12 in Palm Beach County Public Schools consisting of one-on-one Mental Health Counseling, Small and Large Group Counseling Services , and Diagnostic and Developmental Screening and Assessment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	600,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>600,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	600,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

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.

The grant program funded by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act awarded for the same purpose by the United States Department of Education over the next five years due to critical shortage of mental health professionals able or available to work in public education.

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.

Palm Beach County Schools received approximately \$30 million for COVID mitigation strategies and student academic support.

## 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

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Presence will provide approximately 6 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) licensed school psychologists to provide mental health and behavioral counseling as well as Psychoeducational Assessments to students in grades 6-12 for the 2023-2024 school year.	600,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	N/A	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>600,000</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

To provide mental and behavioral health counseling and services to approximately 400 students, grades 6-12 in Palm Beach County Schools.

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



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Mental and Behavioral Health Counseling and Services will be provided to approximately 500 students, grades 6-12 in Palm Beach County Public Schools. 1:1 Mental Health Counseling, Small and Large Group Counseling Services, and Diagnostic and Developmental Screening and Assessment.

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

1:1 Mental Health Counseling to individuals experiencing hard life events and students with identified emotional disabilities. Small and large group counseling aimed at tier I, tier II and tier III students needing support, including direct screening and identification of students needing behavioral and/or mental health services using data from evaluations.

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

Persons with poor mental health, at-risk youth, developmentally disabled, grade school students, high school students, and victims of crime.

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

(1) Improved Mental Health: Decrease in anxiety and depression, improvement in overall academic performance with focused trauma informed care interventions and strategies, augmenting development of peer and social relationships and resiliency as well as coping strategies related to online activities. The Presence therapy platform includes Progress Tracker platform, enabling streamlined reporting and communication to review student progress by all parties. (2) Improve quality of education: Decreased anxiety and depression resulting in quantifiable progress with overall academic performance and measured reductions in overall disciplinary actions, all measured by Social-Emotional, Behavioral and Functional Behavioral Assessments and Manifestation Determination, applied periodically to measure short to medium to longterm success 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?**

The contracting agency may consider liquidated damages based on a monthly audit after a written warning outlining the items that fail to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract has been discussed. If after 1 month a financial deduction would occur in the amount of \$1,000 per month until remediation has been achieved.

**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**

- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity



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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**