



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1545

1. Title of Project: Community At-Risk Youth Programs and Facilities

2. Senate Sponsor: Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. Date of Submission: 02/12/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

\$3M for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and Police Athletic Leagues (PAL), including funds for the STARS (Success Through Academic and Recreational Support) and Billy Bowlegs Park projects in an effort to engage at-risk youth through building relationships and working closely with community members to form proactive partnerships. As part of this initiative, the pilot program is utilizing temporary trailers and will be replaced with a permanent structure in an underserved area of the City.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations | 1,400,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 3,000,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

| Type of Funding | Amount | Percent |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| Total State Funds Requested (from question #6) | 3,000,000 | 100.0% |
| Federal | 0 | 0.0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0.0% |
| Local | 0 | 0.0% |
| Other | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 | 3,000,000 | 100.0% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

| Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy) | Amount | | Specific Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | Recurring | NonRecurring | | |
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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|-------------|--------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and | | |



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| Benefits | | |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | |
| Operational Costs: | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Salary and benefits for staff for program expansion | 300,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Computers, office setup and furnishings, STEM program accessories and ancillary services related to program delivery | 1,000,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | Curriculum development and marketing | 100,000 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | Design, permitting and construction | 1,600,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6) | | 3,000,000 |

11. Program Performance:

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

To engage at-risk youth through community program to enhance relationships with Police by providing recreation and academic support including activities carried out in a proposed new facility at Billy Bowlegs Park

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

Athletic programming, tutoring, and mentorship of at-risk youth. A pilot program is currently being run out of temporary buildings at Billy Bowlegs Park. The existing program has approximately 200 participants from local economically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Athletic programming, tutoring, and mentorship of at-risk youth.

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

City of Fort Myers residents- 80,123

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

Number of participants in athletic, tutoring, and mentorship programs.

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 in the contract?

Establishment of an oversight committee if program goals are not met

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

City of Fort Myers in partnership with Fort Myers Police Department, Police Athletic League, Recreation and STARS



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