



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1875

1. **Project Title** Pace Center for Girls - Building2. **Senate Sponsor** Wilton Simpson3. **Date of Request** 12/08/20194. **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 3,200 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 2020-21 is for funding to purchase and renovate or buy land and build a 15,000 sq. ft. facility for the Pace Reach Program.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Juvenile JusticeState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	3,500,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	3,500,000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	3,500,000	100 %

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

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used to build, or purchase and renovate a 15,000 sq. ft. facility for the Pace Reach Program to include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, a Reach office, and other school safety features such as a single point of entry.	3,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		3,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The new building will be used for the Pace Reach Program that operate 250 days per year and serve approximately 250 girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY19-20. The new facility will include a safe location for classrooms, counseling, a Reach office and other school safety features such as a single point of entry. The goal of the Pace model is for all girls to lead productive, engaged and fulfilling lives. Towards that goal, Pace works to 1) Improve girls' academic outcomes; 2) Reduce risk behaviors that can lead to criminal involvement; 3) Improve interpersonal relationships; 4) increase self-efficacy and self-advocacy; and 5) Improve skills in goal setting.

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

The building will be utilized to serve approximately 250 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 day program also receive their full academic school day. Services are provided in a trauma informed, gender responsive and strength based environment.

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

The building will house a Pace Center and central operations for Pace Reach, providing comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day to 100 girls at risk of delinquency through our Pace Center and comprehensive wrap around social services to an additional 150 girls annually through Pace Reach. Case management for the girl's family is also provided to ensure a stable home environment.

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

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 being enrolled in school; 2) advancing grade levels; 3) demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills; and 3) reduction in risk behaviors.. Long term outcomes for girls 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 Centers utilize a combination of output data (e.g., number of girls served, dosage of services) and outcome data (data on the effectiveness or quality of services provided), to measure outcomes. Outcome data includes the percent of girls that increase their academic performance as measured through credits earned, report card, grade advancement, graduation or obtaining a GED.

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?

All Pace contracts with DJJ outline penalties for failing to meet deliverables. DJJ may reduce payments to Pace if sufficient evidence shows that deliverables were not met.



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12. **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.**

The building will be the property of the PACE Center for Girls.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.