



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2466

1. **Project Title** Anti-Violence Initiative (AVI)2. **Senate Sponsor** Jason Pizzo3. **Date of Request** 01/22/20204. **Project/Program Description**

AVI is a program designed to reduce violence, specifically with groups/gangs in targeted neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The program does not rely solely on law enforcement to accomplish this goal. Instead, criminal justice and community-based partners collaborate to engage targeted groups and individuals and provide them with services and support that will assist them in becoming self-sufficient and productive members of the community. Currently, AVI is being implemented in the Miami-Dade Police Department's North-side District ("geographical area"). In other jurisdictions, a direct correlation between the implementation of AVI and decreased reports of violence and homicides has been identified.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,735,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	1,735,000

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)	1735000	46.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	2,000,000	54 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	3,735,000	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		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	31 Full Time employees: (4) program supervisors, (1) site coordinator, (11) interrupters, (8) case managers, (2) social workers, (4) clerical, (1) lead clergy, and on-call clergy, as needed.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Media, rent, utilities, participant's food, communication expenses, office supplies and equipment. Such as: laptops, cell phones, etc.	380,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	John Jay College, National Network, Fiscal Management, Grant Compliance, School Students Coalitions, and others.	355,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,735,000



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11. Program Performance

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

The fundamental goal of AVI is to reduce violence and homicides in Miami-Dade County through a novel approach that provides support and wrap-around services to potential victims and perpetrators of violence and their families. The requested funds will be used to expand AVI outside of the geographical area to other unincorporated areas in Miami-Dade County.

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

AVI employs a strategic protocol that identifies adult and juvenile offenders or high risk individuals who are potential victims or perpetrators of violence and provides a host of complementary services to assist such individuals within the communities they live. Said services include, but are not limited to, housing, employment, and educational assistance. Additionally, a unique component of the program is the "Walking One Stops", which is a collaboration between the County, local service providers, and clergy that provides children and families with support services in established safe havens.

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

Prevention - Early identification of at-risk youth through risk factors based on screening, assessment, and other data elements and the provision of services to community members in high crime areas;
Intervention - Provision of evidence-based case management services to at-risk youth, ex-offenders, and potential victims of violence and their families;
Suppression - Implementation of the Group Violence Intervention model, which identifies high-risk individuals and groups that have documented potential to be perpetrators or victims of violence and provides said individuals or groups with assistance to rebuild their lives that includes, but is not limited to, substance abuse and mental health services and emergency relocation assistance; and
Re-entry services - Provision of services to address the complex needs of individuals re-entering their communities after incarceration to reduce

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

The target population includes:
1) youth and other members of the community who are at highest risk of being victims or perpetrators of violence;
2) at-risk youth including youth in foster care, youth who have recently aged out of foster care, youth have dropped out of school, or youth involved in the criminal justice system; and
3) other persons who need assistance, including persons with mental health problems or diagnosed illnesses, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, ex-offenders re-entering the community, and persons experiencing or recovering from substance abuse.
The program is expected to serve a minimum of 200 and up to 400 individuals.

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

AVI is expected to: (1) reduce violent incidents and homicides in Miami-Dade County, (2) result in improved mental health of participants, (3) reduce substance abuse, (4) reduce recidivism, and (5) protect the general public from harm. The effectiveness of the program will be measured by decreased incidents of violence and homicides in the County, which will be determined using data from the Criminal Justice Information System and other governmental databases along with pre and post risk and needs assessments.

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?

To ensure accountability, penalties should include reduction or elimination of funding for the initiative if overall goals are not achieved.



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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.

N/A

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.