



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2044

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Youth of Valor Empowerment (YOVE) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has been providing Mentorship, Intervention, and College Readiness Programs for public school communities, and at-risk teenage girls from 9 to 12 grades for the past 15 years, living in the underserved community. The YOVE Program is committed to providing solutions and resources to advance career and college readiness for the Y.O.V.E. girls in several public schools in Miami-Dade County. The participants come from different schools. The program is designed to cultivate and encourage high scholastic achievements through mentorship, intervention, and college readiness for all the YOVE participants. The YOVE Program has been investing in the future of the girls, (ages 14-18) by getting them interested in Academic Preparation that entails study skills/text prep, the importance and benefits of high GPA/test prep, how to speak effectively, and career preparation that includes life after high school.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	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)	500,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	500,000	100%

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.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

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.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Responsibilities entail, but not limited to Program Management and staff; program structure and activities; finances and program management; maintain great relationship with stake holder; leads fundraising efforts; provide guidance and strategic directions to achieve organization's mission and goals; collaborate with family and community involvements.	90,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Annual Conference travel; create a business plan; other miscellaneous; and computers.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant services; grant writing services; tax services; payroll technician, business plan, event planning.	100,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	One part-time Mental Health Counselor, and one part-time Program Coordinator.	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office space rental; custom blazers, neck ties, logos, bus transportation rental; weekly snacks; event at the end of school year; celebration events for the high school graduates at the end of their 12 grades; supplies; equipment; national women history month celebration to include marketing, photos, videos; press release; awards certificates and medals; all in one heavy duty printer; breakfast before event; miscellaneous	150,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant service; website maintenance; videographer, photographer for events, marketing, and press releases.	30,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		



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Construction/Renovation/Land/ Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

14. Program Performance

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

The YOVE Program is committed to providing solutions and resources to advance career and college readiness for the at risk Y.O.V.E. girls in several public schools in Miami-Dade County. The participants come from undeserved communities in Miami-Dade County from different schools. The program is designed to cultivate and encourage high scholastic achievements through mentorship intervention and college readiness for all the Y.O.V.E. participants. The Y.O.V.E. Program has been investing in the future of the girls (ages 14-18) for the past 16 years, and will continue to do so by getting them interested in Academic Preparation that entails study skills/text prep, the importance and the benefits of high GPA/text prep, how to speak effectively; career preparation that entails life after high school in collaboration with Miami-Dade College and other community colleges and universities; collaboration with other professional organizations; YOVE Professional Alumnae and more.

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

The I AM Y.O.V.E. Program has a lifelong positive impact and inspires the I AM Y.O.V.E. girls who take part in the program throughout their high school years. Y.O.V.E. Interactive and Social Learning Field trips

- Every year the Y.O.V.E.'s attends a culinary session that proves to them that measurement and chemistry apply beyond the science of classroom learning. The girls gain culinary experience to help prevent obesity where they prepare healthy meals with student Chefs from beginning to end.
- The social field trips are always very entertaining for the Y.O.V.E. teens where they become the center of attention by performing songs they learn at the program throughout the year, reciting poetry, singing the American National Anthem, and dancing. Learning and fun make a great combination to help boost their morale and self-esteem.
- Field trips are considered fun, but the YOVE teens learn as well, whether they realize it or not. The field trips serve as a powerful motivator for the gir

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

The wellness initiative supports and promotes healthy choices for girls, using a philosophy that recognizes that many factors, including physical and mental wellness, contribute to girls' health. Y.O.V.E. provides a positive youth development approach to equipping girls with the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and support for maintaining a positive sense of self and for being healthy today and throughout their lives. The Wellness initiative focuses on:

- Physical Activity: Every girl can find a type of physical activity that she not only enjoys, but that also accommodates her lifestyle, culture, and schedule.
- Body Image: Girls of all shapes, sizes, weights, and capabilities have the right to feel good about their bodies and appreciate the bodies of others.
- Nutrition: Girls can identify a strategy for healthy eating that works for each individual's body, circumstance, budget, home life, culture, and activity level.
- Stress Management: Girls will be given tools for relaxation meth

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

The Y.O.V.E. Program targets at risks teenage girls attending public schools and who reside at undeserved communities in Miami-Dade County, single parents, receiving free lunch from the public school. It is expected from 50-75 youths and/or more.

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

- Statistics show that children, including teenagers, with positive role models in their lives, tend to make better choices. Important to the success of the mentors who guide the young girls. Mentors share their personal experiences and help guide the Y.O.V.E. girls to a healthy and happy future; boost grades, and morals with 100% opportunities for college admittance, military, public safety, etc.

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?



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The suggested penalty can be a reduction from the allocated funding for the year.

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
- 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