



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2692

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

4. Project/Program Description

These funds will allow Youth Guidance to expand its after-school programs and summer camp to serve 180 children (ages 6-18) from low-income families living in Indian River County, an increase of 33% over the current year. Programs include:

- Academic Enrichment: Tutoring and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- Life Skills: Etiquette, Financial Literacy, Cooking, Gardening, Sewing
- Vocational Training: Culinary Arts, Website Design, Farming, Bicycle Repair, Coding
- Healthy dinners served after school and breakfast and lunch served during summer camp

Furthermore, these funds will be used to provide a state-registered Pre-Apprenticeship program, the only program of its kind in Indian River County, to 20 additional youth (ages 17-24). Over eight months, these youth will earn professional certifications and learn five trades, including: HVAC, welding, plumbing, carpentry, and electric.

All programs and meals will be provided free of charge.

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	150,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	150,000

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)	150,000	19%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	638,833	81%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025	788,833	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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Youth Guidance funding comes from a diverse mix of revenue streams, including:
 -Indian River County grant (Children's Services Advisory Committee)
 -United Way of Indian River County
 -Local community foundations and grants
 -Individuals
 -Corporations

These revenue sources are factored into our annual budget. If Youth Guidance does not receive the full amount requested from the State, we will have to scale back on the number of programs and children who benefit from our programs.

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

Yes

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

Youth Guidance received the following in federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic:
 -\$47,000 PPP Loan used for agency operations
 -\$146,056.02 Employee Retention Credit used for agency operations

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	Not Applicable.	0
Other Salary and Benefits	Not Applicable.	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Not Applicable.	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Not Applicable.	0
Operational Costs: Other		



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Salary and Benefits	We would not be able to provide our services if not for our dedicated staff. 100% of funds for salaries will go toward program staff who work directly with our children and young adults. Operations Manager (Full-Time): \$20,000 Volunteer Coordinator (Full-Time): \$10,000 Group Program Specialist (Full-Time): \$25,000 2 Pre-Apprenticeship Teachers (Part-Time): \$11,000 3 Group Leaders (Part-Time): \$55,000	121,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Pre-Apprenticeship Supplies/Equipment: \$15,000 to cover costs of forklift and scissor lift rental and materials for skilled trades training. Group Mentoring Supplies: \$9,000 to cover costs of materials for tutoring, cooking, gardening, art, and technology. Travel Expenses: \$5,000 to cover fuel to transport children from schools to our facility after school and on field trips during the summer.	29,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Not Applicable.	0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		150,000

14. Program Performance

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

These funds will ensure that 180 children (ages 6-18) from low-income families living in Indian River County advance to the next grade on time or graduate high school. These same children will receive nourishing meals daily and participate in proven programs that teach life skills and vocational skills.

These funds also will provide a state-registered Pre-Apprenticeship to 20 additional youth (ages 17-24) from September 2024 to May 2025. Over eight months, these youth will learn five trades and will have the opportunity to receive professional certifications. Our goal is to ensure that 100% of students (ages 18 and up) who complete the Pre-Apprenticeship are employed or enrolled in postsecondary education or a registered apprenticeship by September of 2025.

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

Youth Guidance will provide the following:

- After-school programs Monday through Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Summer Camp Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- One-on-one therapy with a licensed therapist for up to 15 children in our after-school program
- Dinner and a healthy snack served to children in our after-school program
- Breakfast and lunch served during our summer camp
- A state-registered Pre-Apprenticeship program that teaches five trades (HVAC, electric, plumbing, carpentry, welding) and provides students the opportunity to receive the following:
 1. High Reach Safety Training Card
 2. Forklift Training Card
 3. OSHA-10 Certification
 4. CPR/First Aid Certification
 5. NCCER Certificate (National Construction Center for Education Research)
 6. Florida Department of Education Pre-Apprenticeship Completion Certificate

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



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Direct Services provided are as follows:

- Children (ages 6-18) enrolled in Youth Guidance will receive healthy dinner and a snack Monday through Friday after school.
- Children enrolled in our summer camp will receive breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday.
- Children will receive tutoring and homework help from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Children will learn valuable skills, such as sewing a button in sewing program, measuring ingredients in cooking program, planting a vegetable in our gardening program, and replacing a flat tire in our bicycle repair program.
- Teenagers and young adults (ages 17-24) in our Pre-Apprenticeship will complete eight months (183 hours) of classroom and hands-on training, using the NCCER curriculum (National Center for Construction Education Research). They will learn and complete assessments for nine different modules, including construction math, construction safety, power tools, hand tools, employment skills, and more.

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

The Youth Guidance After-School Program and Summer Camp will serve 180 children (ages 6-18). Notably, 100% of these children will live in Indian River County and qualify for the free- and reduced-price lunch program in school. We expect 50% of these children will come from single-parent households and 30% will be diagnosed with a learning disability.

The Youth Guidance Pre-Apprenticeship will serve 20 additional youth (ages 17-24). These youth will live in Indian River County and will fall within 200% of the Federal Poverty level.

The majority of the 200 youth served by this project will reside in the high-poverty areas of Gifford (25%), South County/Oslo (31%), and Central Vero Beach (23%).

The projected demographic breakdown of our children and young adults served is as follows:

- 40% African American
- 29% White
- 15% Hispanic/Latino
- 15% Multiracial
- 3% Asian
- 1% American Indian

The above projections are based on data collected from Oct. 1, 2022, to Sept. 30, 2023.

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

Established in 1973, Youth Guidance has a 50-year track record of delivering successful results for Indian River County youth.

Outcome 1: 100% of children enrolled in Youth Guidance will graduate high school on time or advance to the next grade level during the 2024-25 school year.

Methodology: Youth Guidance will collect grades and promotion data for each student enrolled through its partnership with the Indian River County School District.

Outcome 2: 20 students enrolled in our Pre-Apprenticeship from September 2024 to May 2025 will receive professional certifications and/or training cards. 100% of students (ages 18 and up) who complete 183 hours of instruction in our Pre-Apprenticeship will be employed or enrolled in postsecondary education or a registered apprenticeship by September of 2025.

Methodology: We will track certifications, job placement, and postsecondary enrollment status for each student in our on-line database and report this information to the state.

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?

Youth Guidance will incur a 10% penalty on the total amount of funds appropriated for each failed deliverable or performance measure. This will be outlined in the contract. In response to a failed deliverable or performance measure, Youth Guidance will implement a corrective action plan.



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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