



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1562

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The purpose of this request is to sustain the nationally recognized Girls Matters: Continuity of Care (CCM) community-based program which stops the revolving door of girls cycling in and out of the justice system due to unaddressed mental health needs. We have proven that high need girls can be better served in the local community and that the State can save significant dollars by preventing girls who do not pose a public safe risk from being committed to costly residential commitment programs. An investment of \$500,000 supports direct services, administrative support, and the signature Girl-Centered Practice stakeholder training. This provides intensive services for 63 girls; skills building groups for 72 girls; and provides intensive training for 40 system stakeholders. Since the program's inception, girls' incarceration has reduced by 72% in Duval County (First Coast 65%) compared to 58% statewide saving the State \$10.3M and growing.

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
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**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	56%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	53,900	6%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	336,000	38%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>889,900</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000		No

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.**

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



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Yes

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

In 2022, the Policy Center received \$309,500 from the Paycheck Protection Program to offset any deficits in staff compensation and operating expenses. There were some deficits experienced within programming because of COVID restrictions and lack of access to youth in justice, but the majority of PPP was allocated toward staff outside of direct service.

## 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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	President & CEO .15 FTE plus 30% fringe (\$31,633.88) ensures services are in compliance with regulations & mandates and facilitates GCP training. VP of Programming .25 FTE plus 30% fringe (\$25,106.25) works with staff, community partners & girls providing oversight of the program for best practices in service delivery, building partnerships & contract adherence, and facilitates GCP training.	56,740
Other Salary and Benefits	1 COO @ .20 FTE + 30% Fringe (\$29,120) oversees all operations, Human Resources, equipment needs and security, finance, and agency compliance. 1 Staff Accountant @ .10 FTE + 30% Fringe (\$7,280) provides all finance recordkeeping. 1 Ops Mgr @ .25 FTE + 30% Fringe (\$17,407) oversees all contract compliance and invoicing.	53,807
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salary+ 30% Fringe: 2 MH Professionals @ .75 FTE each; 2 Care Mgrs @ .75 FTE each; 1 Group Facilitator @ .50 FTE; 1 Clinical Mgr @ .75 FTE; 1 School Mgr @ .75 FTE; 1 Research Analyst @ .20 FTE; 1 Pres. Emeritus @ .25 FTE Direct service providers, research and data analyst and trainer	352,723



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Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Agency Insurance, Building occupancy, Phone, Technology management expenses, mileage, Office supplies, printing & copying @ 7%	36,730
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>500,000</b>

**14. Program Performance**

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

The purpose is to (1) increase public safety by reducing risk factors leading to deeper juvenile justice system involvement and interrupting the revolving door of girls cycling in and out due to unaddressed mental health needs; (2) provide interventions at multiple points to interrupt the pathway for girls' justice involvement (suspension, arrest, detention, probation, court, commitment, reentry); (3) interrupt pathways of abuse/trauma that lead to girls' internalizing (suicide ideation, self-mutilation) and externalizing behaviors (running away, delinquency); (4) increase access to community-based girl-centered therapeutic interventions by training stakeholders in referral agencies.

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

1. Individual/Family Counseling: In office, home, school, neighborhoods with focus on root causes of delinquency
2. Mobile Care Management/Crisis Intervention: Staff on-call 24/7/365 providing real time services
3. School Intervention (as appropriate): Care management, referrals, skills building, mentoring, academic/disciplinary advocacy
4. Detention Center Services: SAVVY skill building groups in safety, communication, emotions, relationships, etc.
5. Transitional Services: Assistance with education, employment, housing, family reintegration, counseling, care management
6. Girl Centered Practice © Training: Latest research, skills-building for stakeholders (law enforcement, judicial, education, etc.
7. Administrative functions to support direct services

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

Services are designed to improve public safety by addressing the root causes of justice involvement. Direct services include intensive intervention to underserved, high need girls/families living in high risk/under resourced neighborhoods. We collaborate with law enforcement, judges, state attorney, public defenders and support their efforts to reduce juvenile crime, which directly benefits citizens by decreasing crime and creating safer communities. In-school services directly support our local schools by reducing suspensions. Business owners benefit through the placement of girls as effective employees. Citizens benefit by the improved public safety and better use of tax dollars. Providers benefit by improving staff skills in working with high-risk youth.

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

Girls (ages of 5-17) in or at risk of entering the justice system and their family members in Duval, Baker, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay Counties. 63 girls will receive intensive therapeutic services and an additional 72 girls will be served through groups at the detention center or in teen court. Girls in the First Coast region reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category-physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self-mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors on the DJJ PACT Assessment. 40 stakeholders representing law enforcement, judicial, education, mental health, citizen-leaders, volunteers will be trained in gender responsive skills building to improve quality of services and continuity of care.

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



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1. Reduced recidivism: 90% will avoid arrests for new criminal offenses as evidenced by JJIS reports; 90% will be diverted from residential commitment.
2. Improved mental health: 100% will have access to individualized counseling/therapeutic interventions; 90% will demonstrate improved mental health as evidenced by reduced risk and need scores in the Mental Health Domains as measured by the DJJ PAT;
3. Increased Knowledge and Skills: 95% of stakeholder training participants will report increase in knowledge & skills as

**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?**

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables provided for in the contract is a reduction in the amount of the monthly payment after finding substantial evidence of non-delivery of service(s) as required by the Contract. The suggested penalty for failing to meet performance measures provided for in the contract is a review of the deficiency to determine if it is critical, major, or minor. If it is a critical deficiency or minor deficiency, the opportunity to work with prevention staff to correct and close out the deficiency. If it is a major deficiency, an Outcome Based Corrective Action Plan will be created and submitted to the Department for review and approval.

**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**



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d. Phone Number