



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** PACE Center for Girls - Reach

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/19/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Provides social-emotional, behavioral and mental health counseling to at-risk girls and their families to prevent dropping out of school, juvenile justice system involvement and long term economic dependency. Provides the behavioral and mental health counseling and therapy, with the full academic school day provided by others, in partnership with the State Attorney's, law enforcement, juvenile judges, schools and community partners. Services are provided in schools or other community locations during the day and at the PACE Center afterschool/on the weekends. This funding request would support the continuation of services in Duval, Broward, Hillsborough, Escambia, Pasco, Pinellas, Palm Beach, and expand services to Lee county. 25% of Lee County residents live below the poverty level, there is also a high number of female youth receiving civil citation. PACE currently operates a day program in Lee that offers a full academic school and wrap around services.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Juvenile Justice

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
1,700,000		1,700,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	43,807	1.9%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	258,809	11.5%
Other	248,362	11.0%
TOTAL	550,978	24.4 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 2,250,978

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**



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- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes  
b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1  
c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18  
d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No  
e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

### 10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

1,700,000.00

### 11. Program Performance:

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

To prevent 829 young girls from school dropout, juvenile justice system involvement, and long term economic dependency.

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

Services provided by PACE Reach include: Individual assessments, case management, individual trauma informed cognitive behavioral counseling and therapy, group counseling and therapy, Spirited Girls! Life skills curriculum, family case management, counseling and therapy, and aftercare services for three years following completion of the program. Girls in PACE Reach are enrolled in public school or another alternative education institution, and while PACE does not provide the academic school day for girls in Reach, PACE monitors attendance and grades to ensure school engagement.

- c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of Executive Directors salaries and benefits	88,583
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Social services program and academic staff salaries, benefits and training	1,445,484
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, travel, training, student transportation and meals	165,933
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		1,700,000

**d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**

Social-emotional, behavioral and mental health counseling to 829 young girls and their families.

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

829 females ages 11-17 in Duval, Broward, Hillsborough, Escambia, Pasco, Pinellas, Palm Beach and Lee counties who are at risk of juvenile justice system involvement and dropping out of school, and girls in a civil citation or diversion program, their families, and the general public through increased public safety.

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

In FY2016-17 girls served by Reach had the following risk factors: 52% were suspended or expelled at the time of entering Reach, 36% had one or more behavioral health issue, 33% had a prior involvement with law enforcement, and 65% exhibited difficult or problem behavior putting them at risk of juvenile justice system involvement at the time of entering Reach. In FY 2016-17 girls served by Reach had the following outcomes: 85% had no further involvement with the juvenile justice system, 81% improved family relationships, 65%



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improved behaviors associated with delinquency, and 98% improved one or more risk factors associated with entering the juvenile justice system. PACE Reach measures outcomes through validated assessments.

- g. 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?**

Our current contract with DJJ outlines penalties for failing to meet deliverables. DJJ may reduce the amount of monthly payment if sufficient evidence shows that deliverables were not met.

- 12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

No fixed capital outlay funding is requested.

- 13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- b. **Organization:** PACE Center for Girls
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- 14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** PACE Center for Girls
- b. **County:** Broward, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Lee, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
  - ☐ University or College
  - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Jodi Stevens
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- 15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

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