



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1652

**1. Title of Project:** Pace Center for Girls - Hernando County

**2. Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

**3. Date of Submission:** 02/05/2019

**4. Project/Program Description:**

Pace is recognized nationally as an effective program for keeping girls out of the juvenile justice system. Through a network of 21 Pace Centers across Florida, Pace Center for Girls works with more than 3,000 middle- and high-school aged girls annually who are at risk of involvement with the justice system. Using a gender-responsive framework for academic and social services, Pace reduces the likelihood of negative outcomes tied to this set of risk factors and instead fosters academic engagement, positive youth development, and healthy relationships that increase rates of graduation and prevent future involvement with the justice system. The Pace model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, academic services with daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skills development and a minimum of one year of after-care. The request for FY 2019-20 is to continue operations at the Pace Center in Hernando County.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency Contacted? Yes

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	1,400,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,400,000	80.14%
Federal	15,000	0.86%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	300,000	17.17%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	32,000	1.83%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,747,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		1,400,000	1173	No

**9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes



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a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$1,400,000

#### 10. 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	Executive Director salary and benefits	110,616
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative costs for personnel management, benefit administration, accounting & financial management and technology.	276,550
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Social services program, academinc staff salaries and benefits and training.	827,994
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, travel, training, student transportation and meals.	184,840
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,400,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Funds will be used for a Pace Center in Hernando County that operates 250 days per year and serves approximately 160 (60 in the Pace Center, 100 through Pace Reach Counseling Services) girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY 2019-20. The goal of the Pace model is for all girls to lead productive, engaged and fulfilling lives. Towards that goal, Pace works to 1) improve girls' academic outcomes; 2) reduce risk behaviors that can lead to criminal involvement; 3) improve interpersonal relationships; 4) increase self-efficacy and self-advocacy; 5) improve skills in goal setting.

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

All girls attending the Pace Center receive comprehensive wrap-around social services, and the full academic school day. Once a girl transitions from Pace she receives a year of follow-up services and after care. All girls in Pace Reach receive comprehensive wrap-around social services, and the full academic school day is provided by others. Services provided in both the Center and Reach programs include: individual assessments, case management, individual trauma informed cognitive behavioral counseling and therapy, group counseling and therapy, Spirited Girls! Life skills curriculum, and family case management.



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

Comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day are provided for 60 girls at risk of delinquency through our Pace Center. Pace Hernando also has a Reach program serving an additional 100 girls annually. The Reach program provides the comprehensive wrap around social services, but girls in Reach do not receive their academic school day from Pace. Case management for the girl's family is also provided to ensure a stable home environment.

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

160 11-17 year old girls in Hernando County at risk for juvenile justice system involvement and dropping out of school. The girls' families benefit from Pace both indirectly and through family engagement, home visits and counseling. The general public also benefits through increased public safety.

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

Short term outcomes for girls include 1) no involvement in the juvenile justice system; 2) maintaining attendance and being enrolled in school; 3) advancing grade levels; 4) demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills; 5) reduction in risk behaviors. Long term outcomes for girls include 1) no involvement in the juvenile justice system; 2) high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education or the workforce; 3) obtaining employment; 4) decreased economic dependency. Pace Centers utilize a combination of output data (e.g., number of girls served, dosage of services) and outcome data (data on the effectiveness or quality of services provided), to measure outcomes. Outcome data includes the percent of girls that increase their academic performance as measured through credits earned, report card, grade advancement, graduation or obtaining a GED.

**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?**

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. Outcomes for FY 2017-18 include the following: 90% of girls statewide improved academically while at Pace and 95% had no further involvement with the juvenile justice system one year after completing Pace.

**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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**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Pace Center for Girls



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**b. County:** Hernando

**c. Organization Type:**

- For Profit
- Non Profit 501(c) (3)
- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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