



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2155

1. Title of Project: Pinellas County Youth Advocate Program

2. Senate Sponsor: Jeff Brandes

3. Date of Submission: 02/25/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Youth Advocate Programs, Inc. (YAP) provides comprehensive wraparound, support and advocacy services to help prevent probation youth in Pinellas County, at high risk to reoffend, from further criminal justice system involvement and residential commitment. Through individually tailored, strength-based programming, YAP cultivates sustainable supports; interpersonal, academic, vocational life skills; character development and resilience needed for productive community living.

YAP provides courts and neighborhoods with safe, secure environments for Department of Juvenile Justice involved youth to change course and fulfill court-imposed community service obligations. Reduces recidivism; decreases criminal/truancy/negative behaviors; increases academic/vocational engagement. 6th Circuit surveys cited lack of job-related training/placements, transportation and supervised alternatives to secure detention centers among its region's most critical gap in services. YAP helps close these gaps.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

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)	500,000	91.7%
Federal		0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.0%
Local		0.0%
Other	45,400	8.3%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	545,400	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		350,000	1173A	No



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9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes
- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 500,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program oversight and direct client prevention / diversion services.	20,700
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative office functions including mandatory reporting and record keeping; confidentiality of data and communications.	55,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, insurance, craft and office supplies, building rental and training.	35,700
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Program Coordinator and Advocates provide direct client services including home visits, oversight of Advocates and administrative backup.	272,600
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation, insurance, craft and office supplies, building rental, training, activity fund and supported work.	116,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

11. Program Performance:

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

The Youth Advocate Programs (YAP) wraparound advocacy and support services will help up to 50 Pinellas County high risk youth annually who are juvenile justice involved or at risk of system involvement avoid detention/institutional placement and live productively in their homes, schools and communities. Reduces recidivism; decreases criminal/truancy/negative behaviors; increases academic and vocational engagement of high-risk youth/young adults. Saves lives and money; improves community health.

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

Services are evidence based/informed, age appropriate, gender specific. Include intake/assessment, individualized service plans, mentoring, life skills, family engagement, career development, supported work. Culturally sensitive activities: relationship building; resilience/character development; employability/vocational help; academic support; community service/restitution opportunities/court accompaniment; anger/conflict management; literacy/money management; health/nutrition; transportation.



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

Diversion from criminal/juvenile justice system involvement; Improved academic engagement, family involvement, and mental, emotional and physical health awareness; Enhanced individual economic and self-sufficiency through career and vocational development; Reduced recidivism, criminal behaviors, school suspensions and truancy. Connecting youth and families to sustainable resources. Can serve youth with relevant needs from storm-ravaged Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands who relocated to FL.

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

The target population is comprised of Department of Justice involved youth in Pinellas County ages eight to 17. These youth are on Probation or at-risk of residential/institutional placement (2 or more future criminal/juvenile justice indicators). The 35-50 youth to be served are disproportionately more likely to be youth of color-at or near the poverty level. Many youth may be crossover/multi-system involved youth. Complex challenges include behavioral/mental health concerns.

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

Anticipated outcomes include: Increases in a.) School attendance and graduation rates/vocational certifications; b.) Employability skills/training; c.) Community engagement/cultural enrichment. d.) Compliance with mental and behavioral health treatment e.) Awareness of dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Decreases are expected in a.) New arrests, adjudications, criminal behaviors and future legal system involvement; b.) School disciplinary measures and suspensions. Monitoring reports track youth activities and improvements. Each youth's program case file documents what services have been provided and when. Case files also detail incurred benefits. School and court records track behaviors.

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?

Should performance measures not be met, corrective action plans may be effectuated, or the contract and funding may be terminated.

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.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Youth Advocate Programs
- b. **County:** Pinellas
- c. **Organization Type:**



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

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