



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2327

1. Title of Project: Pace Center for Girls

2. Senate Sponsor: Aaron Bean

3. Date of Submission: 03/07/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Pace Center for Girls 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 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. 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 Centers in Hernando and Citrus Counties, to continue operations of Pace Reach in 10 Counties, add Reach to 2 additional Counties, and provide funds for a new Pace building.

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	4,800,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	3,800,000
Total State Funds Requested	8,600,000

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)	8,600,000	88.18%
Federal	30,000	0.31%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	525,000	5.38%
Local	274,000	2.81%
Other	324,000	3.32%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,153,000	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		4,500,000	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. \$4,800,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Portion of Executive Directors salaries and benefits	328,892
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Administrative costs for personnel management, benefit administration, accounting and financial management and technology	553,100
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Social services program and academic staff salaries, benefits and training	3,332,745
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent, utilities, equipment, supplies, travel, training, student transportation and meals	585,263
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Funds will be used for a 15,000 sq. ft. facility for the operation of a Pace Center serving approximately 216 girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement in FY19-20. The new facility will operate 250 days per year.	3,800,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		8,600,000

11. Program Performance:

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

Continuation of operations of Pace Centers in Citrus and Hernando Counties and Pace Reach in Citrus, Hernando, Marion, Duval, Broward, Escambia, Hillsborough, Lee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties. The Pace Center in Hernando has been in operation since January 2018 and served 76 girls in FY18-19. The Pace Center in Citrus opened in January 2019 and is currently serving 18 girls. Pace Reach began in 2015 in Duval, Broward and Hillsborough Counties, and has since expanded to 12 counties serving 850 girls annually. This request includes an expansion of Reach to Clay and Putnam Counties in FY 19-20. This funding request would serve approximately 1,186 girls annually.

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 minimum of one 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. Reach services take place in the girls' schools and in the community. Services



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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.

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

Direct services are provided to girls and their families including case management to ensure a stable home environment. Girls receive counseling, therapy, academic services and support, and life skills. Public citizens benefit through an increase in public safety.

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

1,186 11-17 year old girls in twelve Counties 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 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.

Pace Center for Girls will own the facility

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Pace Center for Girls, Inc.
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- d. **Phone Number:** (904)253-6204

14. Recipient Contact Information:



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- a. **Organization:** Pace Center for Girls, Inc.
- b. **County:** Statewide
- 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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