



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1902

1. **Project Title** Pace Center for Girls, Citrus - Reach Counseling Services (Pace Reach)

2. **Senate Sponsor** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Request** 12/19/2019

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, trauma informed and strengths based framework 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, leading to long-term well-being and success. The Pace Reach model provides comprehensive wrap around social services, social-emotional, behavioral and mental health counseling and a year of after-care to at-risk adolescent girls and their families. The request is for funding for the Pace Reach program in Citrus County.

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

State Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	325,564
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	325,564

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	325564	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	325,564	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2019-20	1,400,000	00	1221	No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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 Director salary and benefits.	43,527
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Reach staff salary and benefits	152,016
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	equipment, supplies, training and travel costs	130,021
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		325,564



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11. Program Performance

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

To prevent girls in Citrus County from school dropout, juvenile justice system involvement, and long term economic dependency. 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 activities and services 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 a year 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. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Comprehensive wrap around social services are provided to 40 girls at risk of juvenile justice system involvement. 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?

40 females ages 11-17 in Citrus County who are at risk of juvenile justice system involvement and dropping out of school.

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

Adopting a prevention and early intervention approach. The overall goal of this program is to reach girls at risk of delinquency and provide counseling and therapeutic services in community settings that can leverage their support systems (For example, parents, teachers or guidance counselors). Short term outcomes for girls include demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills, and reduction in risk behaviors. Long term outcomes for girls include no involvement in the criminal justice system and decreased economic dependency. The girls' families benefit from Pace both indirectly and through family engagement, home visits and counseling. The public benefits through increased public safety. Pace Centers utilize a combination of output data (e.g., number of girls served, dosage of services), and outcome data (e.g. effectiveness or quality of services provided), to measure outcomes.

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.



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12. **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.**

No fixed capital outlay funding is requested.

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. **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

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.