



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1232

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Caregiving Youth Project of the American Association of Caregiving Youth (AACY) provides direct services in Palm Beach County. It is the first U.S. program to partner with schools to identify and support middle & high school children who sacrifice their education, health, well-being and childhood to provide care for family members who are chronically ill, injured, elderly or disabled. The Project is in its 14th year of supporting these youth in and out of school and at home. Its success, including an average high school graduation rate of 98.3% has been remarkable, considering most youth served are minorities from financially insecure households who are at great risk for high school drop out. The purpose of this expansion is to raise awareness about the challenges of youth caregiving academically and personally and to develop and determine the best model of semi-remote program of emotional support & resources for students in 2 other Florida counties with graduation rates under 85%.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	250,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	250,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? Yes
- a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.
- b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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There is currently none. Caregiving Youth are now included in the HHS RAISE Family Caregiver Council so there is a remote chance that the American Association of Caregiving Youth could receive some expansion funds related to that.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

AACY received \$111,378 for a PPP loan for the period June 5, 2020 through the 10 subsequent weeks. The payroll cost was \$136,011 which is in excess of the PPP.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Allocated salary costs of President and Project Director.	75,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Laptop computer, phone, mileage and tolls, supplies, printing, and lodging.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Director of Education Services; PR campaign; External Pilot Evaluation; Data entry and analysis; Finance Director	70,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Allocated salary cost of Communications Manager.	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Development and implementation of webinars, tele-groups; data management.	70,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

12. Program Performance

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

The initial goal is to determine the most efficacious way to achieve a successful methodology and implementation of caregiving youth support delivery to increase high school graduation rates of caregiving youth. We want caregiving youth throughout Florida to learn they are not alone and receive the recognition and support they need for academic and personal success.

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

Initially meetings will be held in two new counties to determine level of interest and buy in to serve this hidden at risk population. Simultaneously we will work to create a program to determine the student-caregiver's eligibility to award Community Service hours based on their calculated Level of Responsibility. We will also create webinars, videos, podcasts and a digital toolbox to bring to healthcare, education and community leaders so they begin to build an understanding of the issues faced by youth caregivers and learn ways and means to support them. We will determine available resources of support within the designated expansion county.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?



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Education of school and other professional staff. Identification of youth caregivers in middle and high schools with provision of Skills Building groups. Youth learn they are not alone and acquire knowledge and skills to help them cope, reduce stress and manage their responsibilities. The use of the 800 AACY number which is person-answered 24/7 to direct inquiries with AACY professional team response.

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

Middle and high school students who are primarily in Title I schools. Within our years of experience, the primary population we serve are minorities from financially insecure households. The number is uncertain, however, it is likely to be at least 100 per county.

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

Caregiving youth will take pre and post participation surveys to evaluate their ability to manage stress and have reduced anxiety, depression and isolation. They will learn new skills and know they are not alone in their role. They will learn about and access available resources. Grades, progression to the next grade and high school graduation rates will increase - a benefit to the individual, the family and society. School staff will learn about this population and have ongoing support to identify and help caregiving youth in their schools.

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 the contract?

Failure will result in ineligibility to receive funding for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

13. 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.

N/A



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14. Requestor Contact Information

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

15. 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

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

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