



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1439

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

4. Project/Program Description

The purpose of this request is to sustain the nationally recognized Girls Matters: Continuity of Care (CCM) community-based program which slows the conveyor belt of girls going deeper in the justice system and stops the revolving door of girls cycling in and out of the system due to unaddressed mental health needs. We have proven that high need girls can be better served in the local community and that the State can save significant dollars by preventing girls who do not pose a public safe risk from being committed to costly residential commitment programs. An investment of \$450,000 in the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center's CCM program and signature Girl-Centered Practice © stakeholder training interrupts the path to the justice system for 63 girls and provides intensive training for 40 system stakeholders. Since the program's inception, girls' incarceration has reduced by 74% in Duval County (First Coast 67%) compared to 51% statewide saving the State \$8.2M and growing.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	450,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	450,000	82%
Matching Funds		
Federal	75,000	14%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	20,750	4%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023	545,750	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	400,000	1180	No

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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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.

The Policy Center received \$309,500 from the Pay check Protection Program (PPP) to offset any deficits in staff compensation and operating expenses. There were some deficits experienced within programming because of continued Covid restrictions and lack of access of youth, but the majority of PPP was allocated toward staff outside of direct service.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	President & CEO 0.2 FTE (\$30,000) plus 30% fringe (\$9,000). The President & CEO provides direct oversight of the Girl Matters: Continuity of Care program and ensures services are provided in accordance with best practices and in compliance with regulations and mandates.	39,000
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	2 FTE Mental Health Professionals @ \$87,000 plus fringe \$26,100; 2 FTE Care Managers @ \$93,002 plus fringe \$27,901; 0.25 FTE School Programs Manager @ \$12,500 plus fringe \$3,750; 0.40 FTE VP of Programming @ \$36,000 plus fringe \$10,800; 0.10 FTE COO @ \$9,000 plus fringe \$2,700; 0.20 FTE Finance & Compliance Analyst @ \$12,000 plus fringe \$3,600; 0.10 FTE VP of Research @ \$9,000 plus fringe \$2,700; 0.10 FTE Research Program Manager @ \$4,000 plus fringe \$1,200; 0.25 FTE President Emeritus @ \$19,500 plus	366,602
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, Building Occupancy, Phone, Technology, Travel, Operating Supplies and Expenses	44,398
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)		450,000

12. Program Performance

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

The purpose is to (1) increase public safety by reducing risk factors leading to deeper juvenile justice system involvement and interrupting the revolving door of girls cycling in and out due to unaddressed mental health needs; (2) provide interventions at multiple points to interrupt the pathway for girls' justice involvement (suspension, arrest, detention, probation, court, commitment, reentry); (4) interrupt pathways of abuse/trauma that lead to girls' internalizing (suicide ideation, self-mutilation) and externalizing behaviors (running away, delinquency); 5) increase access to community-based girl-centered therapeutic interventions by training stakeholders in referral agencies.

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



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1. Individual/Family Counseling: In office, home, school, neighborhoods with focus on root causes of delinquency
2. Mobile Care Management/Crisis Intervention: Staff on-call 24/7/365 providing real time services
3. School Intervention (as appropriate): Care management, referrals, skills building, mentoring, academic/disciplinary advocacy
4. Detention Center Services: SAVVY skill building groups in safety, communication, emotions, relationships, etc.
5. Transitional Services: Assistance with education, employment, housing, family reintegration, counseling, care management
6. Girl Centered Practice © Training: Latest research, skills-building for stakeholders (law enforcement, judicial, education, etc.)

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

Services are designed to improve public safety by addressing the root causes of justice involvement. Direct services include intensive intervention to under served, high need girls/families living in high risk/under resourced neighborhoods. We collaborate with law enforcement, judges, state attorney, public defenders and support their efforts to reduce juvenile crime, which directly benefits citizens by decreasing crime and creating safer communities. In-school services directly support our local schools by reducing suspensions. Business owners benefit through the placement of girls as effective employees. Citizens benefit by the improved public safety and better use of tax dollars. Providers benefit by improving skills of staff to provide better services. The girls benefit by having the opportunity to be contributing citizens.

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

Girls (ages of 5-17) in or at risk of entering the justice system and their family members in Duval, Baker, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay Counties. 63 girls will receive intensive therapeutic services and additional an 72 girls will be served through groups at the detention center or in teen court. Girls in the First Coast region reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category-physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors on the DJJ PACT Assessment. 40 stakeholders representing law enforcement, judicial, education, mental health, citizen-leaders, volunteers will be trained in gender responsive skills building to improve quality of services and continuity of care.

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

1. Reduced recidivism: 90% will avoid arrests for new criminal offenses as evidenced by JJIS reports; 90% will be diverted from residential commitment.
2. Improved mental health: 100% will have access to individualized counseling/therapeutic interventions; 90% will demonstrate improved mental health as evidenced by reduced risk and need scores in the Mental Health Domains as measured by the DJJ PAT;
3. Increased Knowledge and Skills: 95% of stakeholder training participants will report increase in knowledge & skills as evidenced by change scores on pre and post test.

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?

Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables provided for in the contract is a reduction in the amount of the monthly payment after finding substantial evidence of non-delivery of service(s) as required by the Contract. The suggested penalty for failing to meet performance measures provided for in the contract is a review of the deficiency to determine if it is critical, major, or minor. If it is a critical deficiency or minor deficiency, the opportunity to work with prevention staff to correct and close out the deficiency. If it is a major deficiency, an Outcome Based Corrective Action Plan will be created and submitted to the Department for review and approval.

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.

Not Applicable



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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