



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1925

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

#### 4. Project/Program Description

The Overtown Youth Center (OYC) is a youth development agency established to provide overall management and oversight for programmatic services for K-12 students. OYC's mission is to bridge educational, social and emotional gaps for these students, as well as delivering girl-specific programming. Services include mentoring, bi-monthly workshops, in-school and after-school programs, and a six to eight week summer program. Programs provide year-round academic support, enrichment, recreation, and STEM and exposure activities.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

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

| Type of Funding                    | Amount           |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Operations                         | 1,000,000        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>1,000,000</b> |

#### 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)       | 1,000,000        | 58%         |
| <b>Matching Funds</b>                                |                  |             |
| Federal  | 0                | 0%          |
| State (excluding the amount of this request)         | 0                | 0%          |
| Local  | 400,000          | 24%         |
| Other  | 300,000          | 18%         |
| <b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023</b> | <b>1,700,000</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>Appropriation # | Vetoed |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------|
|                          | Recurring | Nonrecurring |                             |        |
| 2021-22                  | 0         | 1,000,000    | 110                         | No     |

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

If state funding is not received, the organization will work to secure additional support from entities such as the United Way, the Children's Trust, and various corporate and foundation related entities.

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



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Yes

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

OYC received \$360,000 in Paycheck Protection Program funding in 2020. The funding was used to pay employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

| Spending Category  | Description  | Amount           |
|--|--|------------------|
| <b>Administrative Costs:</b>   |  |                  |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits                    |  | 0                |
| Other Salary and Benefits  | Grant Compliance Officer, Program Manager + Fringe Benefits  | 76,153           |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Professional Development Training, Travel, Supplies and Rental Space                                       | 33,260           |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Audit Services and Evaluation Services   | 30,000           |
| <b>Operational Costs: Other</b>  |  |                  |
| Salary and Benefits  | Program Coordinators, Certified Teachers, Enrichment Instructors, Parent Coordinators, and Fringe Benefits | 389,420          |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other                                | Program Office Supplies, Program Occupancy Costs, Transportation, College Tours                            | 206,667          |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Nutty Scientist, College Preparedness, Career Readiness and SEEK   | 264,500          |
| <b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>                    |  |                  |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering                      |  | 0                |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b> |  | <b>1,000,000</b> |

#### 12. Program Performance

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

Overtown Youth Center provides college and career readiness programming for promising youth in the under-resourced Overtown neighborhood and surrounding communities. The most recent U.S. Census Data and OYC/FDOE parent surveys shown for the Overtown community indicate a high unemployment rate (53%), and low median income (\$20,000). Additionally, more than 47% of Overtown families with children live below poverty levels, and 53% of residents older than 16 years of age were unemployed. Approximately 94% of the student population qualifies for Title I services based on the federal criteria for free or reduced lunch.

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

Overtown Youth Center aims to more effectively serve the youth of Miami- Dade County by continuing its college and career readiness programming to serve youth in lower grades, including more intensive career exploration, improving student achievement, and making a greater impact by beginning the college preparation process earlier.

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

In-school service coordinators provide continuous student support using individual case management to track progress towards post-secondary goals. Services also include daily monitoring, counseling, and advocacy. Student report cards are collected from the Miami-Dade County Public Schools to monitor the progress of the students in core academic content areas. An Individual Success Plan (ISP) is used for goal-setting and career planning 4 times per year. College & Career Readiness workshops are provided on a weekly basis to engage high school students in their preparation for post-secondary success.

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



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The majority of the funds requested will serve more than 200 grade school and high school youth who reside in the marginalized communities and are enrolled in the partner schools with which the Overtown Youth Center maintains an affiliated agreement.

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

The Overtown Youth Center College and Career Readiness programs provide a comprehensive pathway to post-secondary success. Benefits are measured by improved academic progress, enriched cultural experiences and improved physical health. Methods for measuring benefits and outcomes include in-school individual case management, counseling, advocacy, report card review and pre-mid and post assessments to monitor student proficiency in Reading, Math and Science. Additionally, enhancement classes, exposure to field trips (museums, historical sites and other cultural venues) and college-focused activities (trips/tours, workshops, guest speakers) and PACER assessment of agility and strength 3 times per year (pre, mid, post).

**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?**

Restitution of amount awarded.

**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