



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2168

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

4. Project/Program Description

Pace Center for Girls is a nationally recognized proven early intervention model that prevents girls from dropping out of school, becoming victims of human trafficking, or entering the juvenile justice system. Through a network of 21 Pace Centers and 16 Pace Reach programs across Florida, Pace works with more than 3,000 middle- and high-school aged girls annually. The Pace model provides comprehensive wrap around social services ,academic services with daily academic instruction, school-to-work readiness skills development and a year of after-care. Despite the COVID pandemic, Pace has continued to achieve strong outcomes for the girls we serve. To continue to achieve these outcomes in today's competitive environment, Pace is requesting a cost of living increase in the daily rate per slot to align with the cost of services. Pace is requesting \$1,469,000 for the Pace Center model, and an additional \$131,000 for the Pace Reach Counseling Services model.

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 | 1,600,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 0 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 1,600,000 |

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) | 1,600,000 | 50% |
| Matching Funds | | |
| Federal | 0 | 0% |
| State (excluding the amount of this request) | 0 | 0% |
| Local | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 1,600,000 | 50% |
| Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 | 3,200,000 | 100% |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

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

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.

Pace is requesting the \$1.6 million rate increase as recurring funding to provide a permanent cost of living adjustment.



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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.

\$304,374 for technology needs due to Covid, staff salaries and student costs. The pandemic required us to move all of our fundraisers to a virtual environment. Federal funds helped fill gaps we had from decreased charitable donations, and increased needs due to Covid.

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

| Spending Category | Description | Amount |
|--|--|------------------|
| Administrative Costs: | | |
| Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Other Salary and Benefits | | 0 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | | 0 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Operational Costs: Other | | |
| Salary and Benefits | Support Staff at the centers: Program Directors, Counselors, Therapist, Program Assistants, Office Managers. | 1,302,000 |
| Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Equipment, technology, travel and training costs | 298,000 |
| 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) | | 1,600,000 |

12. Program Performance

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

Funds will be used to increase the daily rate per slot for Pace Centers to \$67.86, and the daily rate per slot for Pace Reach Counseling Services to \$49.94. This rate increase reflects a 3% cost of living increase over the past three years. The DJJ daily rate per slot for Pace Centers and Pace Reach covers all social service costs, including mental health counseling, therapeutic services, life-skills development, and case management for at-risk girls and their families.

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

No new services will be provided with the rate increase however, providing this cost of living adjustment will allow Pace to continue to provide existing services and continue achieving strong outcomes in today's competitive environment. All girls attending Pace currently receive comprehensive wrap-around social services including individual assessments, case management, individual trauma informed cognitive behavioral counseling and therapy, group counseling and therapy, Spirit Girls! Life skills curriculum, and family case management. Once a girl transitions from Pace she receives a minimum of one-year of follow-up services and after care.

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

Comprehensive wrap around social services and the full academic school day are provided for girls at risk of delinquency through Pace Center for Girls. Case management for the girls family is also provided to ensure a stable home environment. Funding will provide a cost of living adjustment allowing us to attract and retain highly trained staff. Prevention and early intervention services for girls results in better community outcomes, a decrease in systems involvement and ultimately a cost savings to tax payers.

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



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Over 3,000 females ages 11-17 statewide who are at risk of 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) maintaining attendance and being enrolled in school; 2) advancing grade levels; 3) demonstrated increase in self-efficacy and pro-social coping skills; 3) reduction in risk behaviors. Long term outcomes for girls include 1) high school graduation and enrollment in post-secondary education or the workforce; 2) obtaining employment; 3) no involvement in the criminal justice system; 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 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 2019-20 include the following: 89% of girls statewide are in school or employed one year after completing Pace, and 94% had no further involvement with the juvenile justice system one year after completing Pace.

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.

No fixed capital outlay funding is requested.



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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