



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2641

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

4. Project/Program Description

This initiative would create a Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program in the Department of Children and Families. The program would award funds on a competitive basis to community-based partnerships and non-profit organizations that serve communities disproportionately impacted by violence to support, expand, and replicate effective violence reduction initiatives. These programs would include evidence-informed hospital-based violence intervention, street outreach, and group violence intervention strategies. The initiative would also authorize the department to conduct program evaluations to determine the impact of funded violence prevention programs and provide technical assistance for violence intervention programs to implement national best practices. This initiative would also create public accountability measures, including public hearings on the work being done by funded programs and a requirement that the office draft an annual report on office activities.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	10,070,083
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	10,070,083

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)	10,070,083	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 2022-2023	10,070,083	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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Federal American Rescue Plan funding received by the state, or from any combination of the general fund and other federal dollars, such as the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) to fund this new grant program focused on short-term investments in community-based violence intervention programs.

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

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

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	Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant Program in the Department of Children and Families will require one Planning Analyst position to establish, advertise, and administer grants, and hold public forums to determine effectiveness and receive community input on the programs. The one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$1,000 for computer costs. The increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$70,083 (\$40,380 salary + \$13,453 benefits + \$12,600 professional)	70,083
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Grants and technical assistance to community-based partnerships and non-profit organizations to support violence reduction initiatives, including evidence-informed hospital based violence intervention, street outreach, and group violence intervention strategies. Public hearings and annual report on grant program funded activities.	10,000,000
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)		10,070,083

12. Program Performance

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

Florida's local communities are currently suffering from the tragic effects of increased gun violence. There are a number of local violence reduction intervention and prevention programs that have helped reduce gun violence in Florida's hardest hit communities. A Community Violence Intervention and Prevention grant program could provide an essential source of funding for these programs and enable them to sustain life-saving work.

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



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Funding of community based violence intervention and prevention programs, including: Street Outreach Programs that deploy violence interrupters to prevent violence by identifying and Immediate mediation of conflicts in a community, working with individuals most at risk of using or being victimized by gun violence, and connecting individuals to wraparound services; Group Violence Intervention Programs that do not contribute to mass incarceration and emphasize partnerships with local community organizations and community members to provide group-involved individuals at high risk of violence with social services; Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Programs that prevent gun violence, retaliation, and re-injury by using violence intervention specialists and case managers in hospitals to coordinate short- and long-term wraparound services for survivors of gunshot wounds.

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

Implement, expand, or enhance coordination between evidence-informed violence reduction programs.

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

This is a statewide program.

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

(1) Street Outreach/Cure Violence: A 2017 evaluation of Philadelphia's Cure Violence program found that historic hot spots within larger program areas saw a 34 percent reduction in the rate of shootings, while matched comparison areas did not. (2) Group Violence Intervention Programs (GVIP): A 2019 study of Oakland Ceasefire found that program-participating gangs were associated with a significant 26 percent reduction in quarterly gang-involved shootings compared to untreated gangs. (3) Hospital-based Violence Intervention Programs (HVIP): Participants of Indianapolis's HVIP, Project Prescription for Hope, experienced a violent re-injury rate of 2.9 percent from 2009-2010, compared to 8.7 percent for hospital patients before the program's implementation.

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?

Revoke funding.

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