



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1167

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

4. Project/Program Description

To fund construction costs for the renovation and reconfiguration of existing space in the Peter Blum Family YMCA in Boca Raton, FL, to be converted to THE LAB: YMCA Leadership Academy. This teen programming center will serve more than 1,000 area middle and high school aged teens annually; and provide them a safe, supervised, and interactive space to prepare for future success and service through leadership development, civic engagement, college/career readiness, and workforce development. The project requires design, engineering, demolition and construction; and will be outfitted with technology to support relevant and transformational programming.

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

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	447,900
Total State Funds Requested	447,900

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	447,900	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 2023-2024	447,900	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.**

Through YMCA operations, membership and program dues, and through financial support from community partners, businesses, and individuals. YMCA teen programs are currently supported by Office Depot, ADT, JM Family Enterprises, Baptist Health South Florida, Truist, SBA Communications, Wells Fargo, Paycom, Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund, and Boca W



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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.

We received two PPP loans for Payroll. The first in the amount of \$1,361,277, and the second in the amount of \$1,388,299, which was received, but not yet forgiven.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

The Peter Blum Family YMCA is a facility owned and managed by The YMCA of South Palm Beach County, Inc.

13. 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		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Includes the interior demolition of existing office space and renovation of space to create The LAB: Leadership Academy. Space will include individual classrooms/instructional space each tailored for teens to engage in STEAM activities. Includes Furniture, Fixtures and Technology, and Equipment to outfit the space.	447,900
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		447,900

14. Program Performance

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



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Teens are in desperate need of the values embedded in Y programs; and for safe spaces where they can engage in positive activities, guided by caring role models, to develop skills, relieve stress, and have fun. It is critical that we equip teens with tools, and support to help them alleviate stress, reduce risky behaviors, and focus on positive growth to prepare for future college, career, and workforce success. Today's teens are saddled with added stress due to aggressive politics, complex social issues, declining mental and emotional health, and school violence, leading to lower academic performance, anxiety, obesity, and for some, hopelessness. Teen suicide rates are rising, and according to the CDC, "among adolescents aged 12–17 years, ... suspected suicide attempts were 22.3% higher during summer 2020 and 39.1% higher during winter 2021...", with the largest increase among males ages 15-24. Reports show today's teens are more likely to engage in sex, drinking, drugs, and violence.

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

THE LAB will operate year-round leadership development programs during out-of-school time, including after school, weekends, and during camp and school days out. Teens interact with positive adult role models who will guide them through engaging activities that help them develop skills and positive social values, build relationships, reinforce healthy behaviors, and understand their impact on community. Relevant programming prepares them for college, career, and workforce success; providing options for non-college bound youth. Teens have access to Y fitness center, pool, gym, and academic enrichment programs such as Leaders Club, Y Achievers, Youth In Government, and Leaders In Training.

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

According to the National Alliance for Youth Sports, almost 70% of kids stop playing organized sports by age 13. The CDC's 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey reports that Palm Beach County students, many from low-income households, as compared to the national average, were more likely to participate in risky behaviors including sex, drugs, violence, smoking, truancy, and unhealthy nutrition and exercise habits. Out of school time, non-athletic programs are a proven strategy for putting young people on the path to success. Engaged youth are less likely to use drugs and alcohol, less likely to drop out of high school, and less likely to be involved in criminal behavior. High quality programs, with adult supervision, promotes personal safety and decreases risky behaviors such as smoking or drug abuse, and creates an environment where young people learn better and are able to thrive.

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

THE LAB serves middle and high school youth, ages 12 to 17, from multiple dimensions of diversity, living in south Palm Beach County. THE LAB will serve more than 1,000 teens annually, with an average daily attendance of 40 to 50 teens participating in in camps, statewide rallies, and programs including: Robotics, 3D printing, eGaming, Leaders Club, Youth in Government, Middle School Madness, game nights, sports, fashion design, chess and Art clubs, Film Academy by You Create, teen podcasts, karaoke, and teen nights. So that all teens have the opportunity to participate, financial scholarships are provided for low-income teens.

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

At the Y, we know that when we engage teens, we can positively affect their lives. By providing teens with relevant programming, we offer teens hope, opportunities to discover new interests, collaborate with one another, and prepare for future success and service through leadership development, civic engagement, college and career readiness, and workforce development. Engagement in academic and physical enrichment, will result in increased mental and emotional health, pathways for college and career, reduction in risky behavior, a reduction of summer learning loss, narrowing of the achievement gap, and the development of healthy habits. We measure successes by the increased number of youth participating in programs; daily, weekly, monthly and annually. We will track volunteer hours and report card results.

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 to provide teens with safe spaces and engaging programs during out-of-school time, consequential outcomes that negatively impact youth, as well as the community. Without these vital services, teens can face lower academic performance; lower graduation rates; higher rates of crime, violence, sex, and drugs; declining mental and emotional health; isolation; and decrease in motivation.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name



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- b. Organization**
- c. E-mail Address**
- d. Phone Number** **Ext.**

16. 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**

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

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