



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1288

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

Recently featured in Police Chief Magazine, YPI, a North American Family Institute (NAFI) program, is an evidenced-based approach that focuses on building trust and breaking down stereotypes between teenagers and local law enforcement. The training is designed to reduce negative youth and police interactions and tensions within the community, resulting in diversion from criminal activity and a reduction in juvenile crime within communities where it has been implemented. While this program does not have a monetary local match, the four police departments participating in the program will donate a minimum of 110 hours per site of officer time to participate in the program. Four law enforcement departments are interested in introducing the YPI approach within their departments if funding is secured.

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	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>500,000</b>

**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)	500,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	500,000	1185	Yes

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.**

The one-time funding request will be utilized to train and certify selected police officers within each participating department and to develop internal capacity to sustain the Youth and Police Initiative on a regular basis within their respective communities.



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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.

## 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.

13. 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	NAFI Director of Prevention	10,700
Other Salary and Benefits	NAFI Administrative Assistant	4,800
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Background checks	1,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	YPI Director of Operations; NAFI Florida Regional Director	85,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Travels, accommodations, food + youth stipends, shipping, fees & subscriptions, program food, indirect costs	200,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Independent research from a John Jay College of Criminal Justice Professor to verify data collected from the program to validate fidelity of the model and shifts in perspectives by all participants. YPI National Director. Certified training coordinators and master trainers to train law enforcement candidates during the delivery of 4 annual cohorts of YPI Train-the-Trainer model in each of the three specified law enforcement departments.	198,000
<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>500,000</b>

14. Program Performance



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

YPI is a five-day intensive workshop that provides police participants with the skills and tools necessary to understand and deal with teens within the communities they serve; and simultaneously for youth participants to learn new ways to understand and deal with police authority. The goal is for both parties to examine and discard their biases and negative perceptions of each other. Four law enforcement agencies in Polk County (Lakeland, Winter Haven, Lake Wales, and Auburndale) have expressed interest in introducing the YPI training program within their departments if funding is secured. The YPI Train-the-Trainer model will provide the law enforcement agencies involved with the internal capacity needed for long-term and sustainable YPI implementation and long-lasting positive engagement between police and the communities they serve.

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

During each five-day YPI cohort, youth and police participants are led by a YPI Master Trainer following a copyrighted training manual that is both didactic and experiential. Daily objectives include topics such as: discovering implicit bias, life choices, social media influence, leadership and public speaking skills. Through role plays and scenarios, participants overcome stereotypes to get to know each other as people. Outcomes include new communication and positive social interaction, de-escalation techniques and trust-building. Officers and youth share dinner each day of the program. Every YPI ends with a graduation ceremony that includes family, friends, stakeholders, school and law enforcement representatives, and police and community leaders. Youth are presented with certificates and stipends and are given the opportunity to share their experiences with audiences. An action plan is defined to continue future mentoring activities.

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

During the course of the training, mutual stereotyping is reduced between youth and law enforcement. Throughout, team building exercises, talks, dialogues and role plays are used to achieve communication and understanding. Both groups participate in problem-solving and sharing ideas on de-escalation techniques. Empathy, trust and sustainable relationships are achieved between participating teens and officers, reducing the possibility of negative interactions within the community that has reduced juvenile crime. Follow up advocacy and mentoring activities will occur in partnership with local departments and youth groups.

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

As previously stated, the Train-the Trainer program will be utilized to train and certify up to six selected local individuals within each of the four departments and communities over the course of four YPI training cohorts (total of 24 certified trainers). This local capacity-building program will allow each of the participating communities to implement YPI indefinitely at a very low cost.

The Train-the-Trainer model includes four YPI cohorts with up to 15 youth in each and up to eight officers who patrol their neighborhoods. With four departments participating in this project, 60 youth and 32 officers will have completed the training in each community at the conclusion of the funding (total of 240 youth and 128 officers for this project).

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

The expected benefits for participating local officers and local youth are to achieve positive attitudinal changes resulting in opportunities for sustained relationships between officers and youths that reduce community conflicts and ultimately juvenile crime. These outcomes are based upon independent research and statistics from over ten studies.

A professor from John Jay College of Criminal Justice will be contracted to collect data from each cohort through pre and post surveys and follow-up interviews to measure shifts in attitude of both youth and police regarding safety, trust, understanding and willingness to positively engage.

**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?**

No additional penalties are suggested at this time.

**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**