



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1425

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

The purpose of this request is to sustain the nationally recognized Girls Matters: Continuity of Care (CCM) community-based program which slows the conveyor belt of girls going deeper in the justice system and stops the revolving door of girls cycling in and out of the system due to unaddressed mental health needs. We have proven that high need girls can be better served in the local community and that the State can save significant dollars by preventing girls who do not pose a public safe risk from being committed to costly residential commitment programs. An investment of \$450,000 in the Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center's CCM program and signature Girl-Centered Practice © stakeholder training interrupts the path to the justice system for 63 girls and provides intensive training for 40 system stakeholders. Since the program's inception, girls' incarceration has reduced by 72% in Duval County (First Coast 65%) compared to 58% statewide saving the State \$9.3M and growing.

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

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	450,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>450,000</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)	450,000	76%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	54,000	9%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	86,760	15%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>590,760</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	450,000		No

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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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.

In 2022, the Policy Center received \$309,500 from the Paycheck Protection Program to offset any deficits in staff compensation and operating expenses. There were some deficits experienced within programming because of COVID restrictions and lack of access to youth in justice, but the majority of PPP was allocated toward staff outside of direct service.

## 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	.15 FTE President & CEO loaded (with benefits) salary (The President & CEO provides direct oversight of the Girl Matters: Continuity of Care program and ensures services are provided in accordance with best practices and in compliance with state regulations and mandates and leads the Girl Centered Practice Trainings held throughout the year.	31,634
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Phone, technology, travel, % of general operating supplies and expenses	10,545
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Loaded (with fringe) Salary: 2 FTE MH Professionals \$118,716; 2 FTE Care Mgr. \$102,700; .25 FTE VP of Program \$25,106.25 .10 FTE COO \$13,390; .10 FTE Staff Accountant \$7,163.65; .25 FTE Ops Mgr (Grant Compliance) \$17,407 .10 FTE Research Analyst \$6,565; .10 Exec. Asst. \$5,850; .25 FTE Pres. Emeritus \$25,350	322,248
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Insurance, Building Occupancy, Phone, Technology, Travel, Operating supplies and expenses	85,573
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0



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<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>450,000</b>

#### 14. Program Performance

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

The purpose is to (1) increase public safety by reducing risk factors leading to deeper juvenile justice system involvement and interrupting the revolving door of girls cycling in and out due to unaddressed mental health needs; (2) provide interventions at multiple points to interrupt the pathway for girls' justice involvement (suspension, arrest, detention, probation, court, commitment, reentry); (4) interrupt pathways of abuse/trauma that lead to girls' internalizing (suicide ideation, self-mutilation) and externalizing behaviors (running away, delinquency); 5) increase access to community-based girl-centered therapeutic interventions by training stakeholders in referral agencies.

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

1. Individual/Family Counseling: In office, home, school, neighborhoods with focus on root causes of delinquency
2. Mobile Care Management/Crisis Intervention: Staff on-call 24/7/365 providing real time services
3. School Intervention (as appropriate): Care management, referrals, skills building, mentoring, academic/disciplinary advocacy
4. Detention Center Services: SAVVY skill building groups in safety, communication, emotions, relationships, etc.
5. Transitional Services: Assistance with education, employment, housing, family reintegration, counseling, care management
6. Girl Centered Practice © Training: Latest research, skills-building for stakeholders (law enforcement, judicial, education, etc.

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

Services are designed to improve public safety by addressing the root causes of justice involvement. Direct services include intensive intervention to underserved, high need girls/families living in high risk/under resourced neighborhoods. We collaborate with law enforcement, judges, state attorney, public defenders and support their efforts to reduce juvenile crime, which directly benefits citizens by decreasing crime and creating safer communities. In-school services directly support our local schools by reducing suspensions. Business owners benefit through the placement of girls as effective employees. Citizens benefit by the improved public safety and better use of tax dollars. Providers benefit by improving skills of staff to provide better services. The girls benefit by having the opportunity to be contributing citizens.

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

Girls (ages of 5-17) in or at risk of entering the justice system and their family members in Duval, Baker, St. Johns, Nassau and Clay Counties. 63 girls will receive intensive therapeutic services and an additional 72 girls will be served through groups at the detention center or in teen court. Girls in the First Coast region reported greater risk factors than girls statewide in every category-physical and sexual abuse, mental health needs, self-mutilation, suicidal ideation and attempts, and family risk factors on the DJJ PACT Assessment. 40 stakeholders representing law enforcement, judicial, education, mental health, citizen-leaders, volunteers will be trained in gender responsive skills building to improve quality of services and continuity of care.

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

1. Reduced recidivism: 90% will avoid arrests for new criminal offenses as evidenced by JJIS reports; 90% will be diverted from residential commitment.
2. Improved mental health: 100% will have access to individualized counseling/therapeutic interventions; 90% will demonstrate improved mental health as evidenced by reduced risk and need scores in the Mental Health Domains as measured by the DJJ PAT.
3. Increased Knowledge and Skills: 95% of stakeholder training participants will report increase in knowledge & skills as evidenced by change scores on pre and post test.

##### 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?



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Suggested penalties for failing to meet deliverables provided for in the contract is a reduction in the amount of the monthly payment after finding substantial evidence of non-delivery of service(s) as required by the Contract. The suggested penalty for failing to meet performance measures provided for in the contract is a review of the deficiency to determine if it is critical, major, or minor. If it is a critical deficiency or minor deficiency, the opportunity to work with prevention staff to correct and close out the deficiency. If it is a major deficiency, an Outcome Based Corrective Action Plan will be created and submitted to the Department for review and approval.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**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**