



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1172

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Teen Court of Sarasota, Inc. serves youth in need of diversion services through its Civil Citation program. The program has expanded 40% in the past several years. This funding will be used to serve all the current referrals to the Teen Court program from youth in the county to ensure that all eligible for Teen Court diversion are able to be served. All program participants receive law-related education, perform community service hours, obtain counseling services, drug prevention, anti-bullying, social media responsibility, and anger management classes, if appropriate, from the program.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	350,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	350,000	58%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	125,000	21%
Other	125,000	21%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	600,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. Is future-year 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.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction
 N/A

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?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. 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		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used for delivery of services to the participants of the program for the counseling services, drug prevention, anti-bullying, social media responsibility and anger management classes provided to the youth that are deemed necessary for the specific civil citations that led to the youth's referral to the program. This may result from contracts with direct care providers or hiring additional staff to offer such services to the youth.	350,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

13. Program Performance

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

The funds will be used to serve the increased number of youth that have been referred to the program. The program referrals have increased by almost fifty percent in the last several years and this will allow the program to provide direct care services so that the youth can successfully complete the Teen Court Program and resolve the civil citation that led to the referral.



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

There will be staff and therapies provided to ensure that the services being offered through the program are sufficiently supported.

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

The direct services provided include, based on appropriateness, counseling, law-related education, drug and alcohol abuse counseling, mentoring, etc. The recidivism rate of youth that are referred to the program annually is evaluated at 10 percent (vs. 42% if they had gone through Juvenile Court). The program does a recidivism study each year and tracks the youth.

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

Youth and families that are considered high-risk in the county.

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

The expected benefit of the program is to ensure that there is sufficient support for the expansion that has been seen to maintain the 10 percent recidivism rate.

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 in the contract?

The expected benefit of the program is to ensure that there is sufficient support for the expansion that has been seen to maintain the 10 percent recidivism rate.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):

15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:



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16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- Yes, Applied
- Yes, Received
- No
- No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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 **Ext.**

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address



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d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.