



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 1934

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Featured in Police Chief Magazine in 2023, Youth & Police Initiative (YPI), a North American Family Institute (NAFI) program, is an evidenced-based approach focusing on building trust and breaking down stereotypes between teenagers and local law enforcement. Train-the-Trainer (TtT) Model 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 in communities where it has been implemented. A mentorship component is implemented as a follow up to each YPI.

A combination of law enforcement departments and/or youth professional organizations are interested in introducing and enhancing the YPI approach if funding is received. NAFI will utilize the TtT model to train and certify participating police officers and youth development professionals in each community with the goal of developing and sustaining internal capacity to continue YPI training on a regular basis.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	585,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	585,000

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)	585,000	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 2025-2026	585,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? Yes

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	0	514,215	1225	No

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? No

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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Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

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	YPI Director	74,880
Other Salary and Benefits	Director of Operations and Training Staff Support	43,545
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	Costs are inclusive of all activities included within this evidence-based research model. Senior Trainers provide weekly and daily group and individual coaching to trainer candidates through a proprietary structured daily curriculum for 16 weeks. A creditable third-party research institute analyzes collected data to gauge changes in perception and attitudes; provides interim reports and final executive summary at end of contract.	466,575
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		585,000

13. Program Performance

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



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The Youth & Police Initiative (YPI) program breaks down stereotypes between youth and police by having youth and local police officers interact in a non-crisis setting. The program is an intense five-day program where both parties examine and discard their stereotypes and negative perceptions of each other. It is followed by various mentoring opportunities for graduates to further build trust with local officers. Four local police departments or youth development organizations build internal capacity to sustain the program after initial four-week program.

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

Local youth and police officers participate in an intense five-day program followed by mentoring opportunities including one-on-one and small group activities utilizing existing programs through local partners who have agreed to be a part of the program. Four four-week trainings at four different locations to be implemented for a total of 16 weeks (4 weeks at each site) with four to six local trainers becoming certified at each of the four different locations.

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

YPI's copyrighted curriculum is both didactic and experiential. Sessions include ice breakers, team building, public speaking, group process, goal development and scenario role play. Focus is given to deescalating problematic behavior and understanding respective points of view. As youth and police participate, negative stereotypes are broken, and positive relationships are created.

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

As previously stated, our Train-the-Trainer (TtT) model is facilitated to train and certify four to six local youth professional individuals or police officers within each of the four communities over the course of four YPI training cohorts (up to a total of 24 certified trainers). This local capacity-building program allows each participating community to implement YPI indefinitely at a low cost. Our TtT model includes four YPI cohorts with 13 - 15 youth in each and four to eight officers who patrol their neighborhoods participating in each cohort. Each YPI will be followed by mentorship activities for youth graduates with police officers. With four communities participating in this project, up to 60 youth and up to 32 officers may complete training in each community at the conclusion of the funding (up to a total of 240 youth and up to 128 officers for this contract).

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 youth are to achieve positive attitudinal changes resulting in opportunities for sustained relationships between officers and youths which reduce community conflicts and ultimately juvenile crime. These outcomes are based upon independent research and statistics from over ten studies. A creditable third-party research institute will be contracted to analyze data collected during 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 in the contract?

No additional penalties are suggested at this time.

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?



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- 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:

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



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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

d. Phone Number

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