



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2098

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The RISE Youth Program empowers at-risk youth aged 10-18 through resilience-building, leadership, and community engagement. RISE combines mentorship, education, and personal growth opportunities to help young people achieve their full potential.

Through activities that promote leadership training, community engagement, and personal development, we aim to inspire and support the next generation of leaders. A critical focus of the program is addressing anti-gun violence through education, conflict resolution workshops, and community action projects. By equipping youth with the tools to navigate conflicts peacefully and advocating for safer communities, RISE works to reduce the impact of gun violence and create a culture of non-violence and empowerment.

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	75,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	75,000

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)	75,000	50%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	73,535	50%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026	148,535	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.**



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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	Executive Director - Compensation for the Executive Director overseeing program operations, strategic planning, and overall leadership. This role involves ensuring compliance with program goals, managing stakeholder relationships, driving fundraising efforts, and providing oversight to maintain program efficiency and effectiveness.	19,125
Other Salary and Benefits	Program Manager: Compensation for overseeing daily program activities, including staff supervision, resource coordination, goal monitoring, timeline adherence, data management, problem-solving, and stakeholder communication. Case Manager: Compensation for supporting participants through assessments, planning, resource linkage, counseling referrals, and case management to help achieve program goals	31,875
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Expenses for staff travel to attend meetings, conferences, and outreach activities. Reimbursement for staff mileage incurred during work-related travel.	12,750
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Health and dental benefits for staff members to support their well-being and retention.	11,250
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)	75,000
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13. Program Performance

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

The funds requested will support the RISE Program in achieving its primary goal of empowering at-risk youth aged 10-18 to overcome challenges and build strong, positive futures. The program provides mentorship, leadership development, case management, counseling referrals, and community engagement activities. These efforts aim to deter youth from gun violence and criminal activity, promote personal growth and resilience, and equip participants with the skills and support needed to become contributing members of their communities.

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

The RISE Program will use the funds to provide mentoring, leadership development, case management, counseling referrals, community engagement, and educational support for at-risk youth aged 10-18. Participants will gain personalized guidance, access to resources, and opportunities to build confidence, resilience, and skills for academic and personal success. The program operates in 4-week cycles and includes an annual recognition trip to reward achievements.

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

Mentoring: Personalized guidance and support to foster growth and resilience.
 Case Management: Individualized plans to address needs, set goals, and connect youth to vital resources.
 Leadership Development: Activities and workshops to build confidence, decision-making, and leadership skills.
 Counseling Referrals: Access to professional mental health and trauma recovery services.
 Educational Support: School check-ins, tutoring, and shadowing opportunities to enhance academic outcomes.
 Community Engagement: Participation in projects that encourage civic responsibility and social connection.
 Recognition and Incentives: An annual trip to reward and inspire successful participants.
 These services aim to empower youth to overcome challenges, deter criminal activity, and contribute positively to their communities.

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

The target population for this project is at-risk youth aged 10-18, particularly those vulnerable to challenges such as gun violence, criminal activity, and socio-economic disadvantages. The program focuses on youth within underserved communities, providing them with the tools, mentorship, and support needed to build positive futures.

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

Methodology for Measurement: Participation and Retention Rates: Tracking enrollment and completion rates for each 4-week cycle. Behavioral Changes: Monitoring reductions in negative behaviors such as school absenteeism, disciplinary actions, or encounters with the justice system through reports from schools and families. Academic Improvements: Measuring progress in grades, attendance, and participation in educational activities. Leadership Development: Assessing participant growth through pre- and post-program self-assessments and mentor feedback. Community Engagement: Evaluating involvement in community projects and feedback from community partners. Program Evaluations: Conducting surveys and interviews with participants, parents, and mentors to gauge satisfaction and impact.

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?



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Funding Reductions: Proportional reduction in funding based on the extent of unmet deliverables or performance measures. Corrective Action Plans: Requiring a detailed corrective action plan to address deficiencies within a specified time frame. Performance-Based Payment Withholds: Withholding a portion of funding until specific deliverables or milestones are achieved. Suspension or Termination: Temporary suspension of the program or termination of the contract for repeated or significant failures. Reimbursement of Funds: Requiring repayment of funds allocated for unfulfilled deliverables or under performance. Increased Monitoring: Imposing additional reporting requirements or third-party audits to ensure compliance moving forward. Future Contract Eligibility Restrictions: Limiting eligibility for future contracts or funding opportunities based on current performance. Public Accountability Measures: Requiring public disclosure of performance shortfalls to maintain transparency

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?

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:

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



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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

d. Phone Number

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