



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2292

**1. Project Title**

**2. Senate Sponsor**

**3. Date of Request**

**4. Project/Program Description**

The Girls Intervention Program PLUS (GIPP) is a 12-week program supporting at-promise girls aged 13 to 17 who are first-time offenders, struggling academically or behaviorally, or at risk of trafficking. In Florida, 29% of girls experience depression, 23% suffer from anxiety, and 21% face social phobias, making them more susceptible to substance abuse and exploitation. Girls are referred to the program by the Justice Department, school principals, counselors, and parents. GIPP aims to prevent sexual victimization and criminal behavior by equipping vulnerable girls with protective factors essential for a healthy future.

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

**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)	500,000	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	500,000	50%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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.**

The GIPP program receives funding from local and federal grants, corporate sponsorships, individual donors, and private funds.



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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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Funding is needed for mental health professionals at three (3) GIPP sites, serving 40 girls at each in Miami-Dade. The program operates 38-weeks during the school year, (four days, three hours) and seven weeks in summer (five days, four hours), covering staff salaries and related expenses.	500,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>

### 13. Program Performance

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



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The GIPP program gives “at-promise” girls hope and provides them with the opportunities and resources necessary to engage in positive alternatives to the poor life choices they were making prior to the program. The goal of this program is to help these girls learn about and avoid some of the most immediate threats to their well-being. GIPP aims to transform the life vision of girls who have become involved or display indicators of becoming involved with the juvenile justice system, sex trafficking and other harmful behaviors.

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

This appropriations request will enable Girl Power Rocks to expand the successful GIPP program by enhancing comprehensive wraparound services, particularly in mental health. The funds will allow the hiring of in-house therapists to provide the Family Wrap Around Services, starting with initial assessments and ongoing support through Targeted Case Manager and Licensed Mental Health Therapists. This support will help both girls and their parents overcome obstacles to program completion and build protective factors for long-term success.

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

The program provides a safe space where young girls can focus on positive challenges, make healthy decisions, and engage in constructive activities. Daily services include research-backed, structured learning sessions, substance abuse and violence prevention programs, sex trafficking awareness education, academic and vocational support, peer mentoring, life skills training, case management, assistance with community service hours, and, when necessary, mental health and substance abuse counseling.

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

Designed specifically for at-promise girls from underserved communities and their families, ages 13 to 17, who are first-time offenders and facing behavioral and academic challenges. These girls are often at high risk of becoming involved in negative risk behaviors and are particularly vulnerable to being trafficked. Currently, Girl Power Rocks can serve up to 40 girls per year through this transformative program. However, with the funding from this appropriations request, we will be able to expand our capacity and reach more girls in need.

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

GIPP aims to improve academic performance by boosting attendance, grades, and engagement while enhancing emotional well-being through self-esteem, resilience, and emotional regulation. The program also raises awareness to prevent trafficking and reduce vulnerability to exploitation. Progress is tracked using pre- and post-program assessments, including the Beck Depression Inventory and Child Behavior Checklist, along with behavioral surveys measuring high-risk activities like substance use and fighting.

**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?**

To maintain program integrity, GIPP enforces strict accountability measures. Payments are phased and contingent on meeting key performance indicators (KPIs). Funding may be reduced if goals or benchmarks, such as participant numbers and mental health screenings, are not met. Additionally, contractors failing to fulfill deliverables must repay disbursed funds, with regular audits ensuring proper use of resources.

**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?**



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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.*