



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 3492

1. **Project Title**

2. **Senate Sponsor**

3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Circle of Love Empowers Women And Girls, Inc. (DBA Youth of Valor Empowerment (Y.O.V.E.) continues its 15-year mission of enriching the lives of over 400 of Miami-Dade County's minority high school girls by launching a new S.T.E.M. program, which will booster high school graduation rates, college readiness, and personal development among participants. The Y.O.V.E., after school mentorship program has joined forces with a major College to transform promising, yet underserved public high school girls, ages 13-18, into tomorrow's dynamic women leaders. The organization will continue to advocate for their success by providing a robust academic curriculum, social learning workshops and community service projects every Tuesday's, after school.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**

**State Agency contacted?**  No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	380,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>380,000</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)	380,000	93%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	30,000	7%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026</b>	<b>410,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**  No

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?**  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
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Program Management, staff development, program structure and activities, manage the finances of the organization and program management; maintain and develop great relationship with donors and team members, leads fundraising efforts, provide guidance and strategic directions to achieve the organization's mission and goals;	70,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Administrative Assistant responsible for managing a variety of clerical and organization's tasks, meeting coordination, maintaining records and providing general administrative support;	25,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Host Annual National Women's History Month Celebration Event And Circle of Love Annual Anniversary celebration, to connect the girls with women who are making a difference and to fundraise	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Marketing, consultants, grant writing, auditing and payroll processing	30,000
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Part-Time Bus Driver/as needed, Security Officer/as needed; Youth Program coordinator	30,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Transportation (new bus purchase for two schools) for up to 40-50 girls , insurance/liability, life insurance for youth program, telephone and internet service, office equipment's, snacks , supplies, office rental; tshirts, custom uniforms/neckties/ supplies, equipment's, printing copying, copy, machine, computers, life insurance for program and facility; miscellaneous,  office rentals, Payroll T	180,000



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program consultant, translation from one language to another; grant writing, marketing, press release writing, event coordination, social media maintenance.	20,000
<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>380,000</b>

### 13. Program Performance

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

Incorporated in 2010, Circle of Love Empowers women and girls, inc., DBA Y.O.V.E, a volunteer driven after-school mentorship program designed to transform Miami-Dade County’s promising, yet underserved minority high school girls into tomorrow’s dynamic, change-making leaders. The program offers a robust curriculum that is personalized to fulfill the social learning needs of contemporary multicultural girls ages 13-18, who enrolled in grades 9-12, in our public school. The program provides college/career readiness experiences, college preparation support by introducing the S.T.E.M= Science. Technology. Engineering. Math. in collaboration with a well known college. in the community. S.T. E.M = Science.Technology-Engee.-Math.program in collaboration withMiami Dade College

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

Through the Circle of Love’s signature initiative, the Youth of Valor Empowerment Program (YOVE) provides high school completion support, college preparation workshops, career readiness experiences a very popular, program and attracts youths from more than one public schools annually. Due to the collaboration of the college that is collaborating to working with the organization for the S.T.E.M, the organization launches another great tagline @ College Bound. Career Focus. The different initiatives are designed to bolster high school graduation and college acceptance rates among the contemporary multicultural girls, ages 13-18, who are enrolled in grades 9-12 in public.

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

.The Circle of Love Empowers Women And Girls, Inc DBA Y.O.V.E. Program ‘is focusing on promoting optimal classroom performance and career exploration through immerse mentorship innovation. The program provides exposure to professional environments and opportunities to learn wealth-building, public speaking, yearly a group of YOVE girls are afforded the opportunity to speak by introducing women leaders from the community on stage during the National Women History Celebratory event; professional wardrobe coordination, etiquette, and personal development skills; the program also seek to maintain its stellar high school graduation rate annually.

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

The Circle of Love DBA Youth of valor Empowerment (YOVE) exists as a haven for nurturement, self-improvement, and confidence building for impressionable young ladies in need of a supplemental support system, or an extension of their familial, school and church communities. The majority of our enrollees have been deemed “at-risks” of falling victim to societal pressures such as teenage pregnancy, self-esteem issues, drug abuse, homelessness, sex trafficking, and the juvenile justice system. The program is committed to defying stereotypes, negatives connotations and preconceived notions that have historically associated # of Attend - 45 or more yearly.

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

The Circle of LOVE DBA I AM Y.O.V.E. Program for several years has continued to come out with 100% high school graduation rate; with that, one of the college that collaborates with the program has been offering 100% scholarship to the Y.O.V.E. Scholars after high school graduation. The Y.O.V.E. Program alumni have successfully been settled into competitive careers, such as military, Social Worker, Public Administration, teachers, public safety, Flight attending. Many of the participants that graduated from the high schools and completed a career, the organization has established several awards on their names for those that are coming after them.

#### 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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As for the Y.O.V.E. Program, i do not foresee the failing of deliverables when there is major collaboration with one of the top college already offering 100% scholarships to the girls; the community turns the Y.O.V.E. Program to a celebrity program; can not keep up with invitations, fieldtrips; please visit the YOVE website, if an organization has failed ton meet the deliverables; they will have to reimburse the funds and will not be able to re-submit. As for the Y.O.V.E. Program, invitations have been coming from other municipalities for connections, had put on hold.

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 infastructure)

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

a. First Name  Last Name

b. Organization



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**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.*