



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 2176

1. Project Title
2. Senate Sponsor
3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Pace Manatee is building a new facility to replace the outdated, original structure built in 1996. This new building will allow Pace to serve more girls, increase programming options & improve services through interactive classrooms. Enhanced security will create a safe learning environment. Pace opened in Manatee County in 1989 and has a strong history of creating positive change in our community.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	2,500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	2,500,000	29%
Matching Funds		
Federal	2,000,000	23%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	4,100,000	48%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027	8,600,000	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)?

Yes

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

03/01/2025

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12/01/2026

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

Annual funding from DJJ, Manatee County School Board, Manatee County Children’s Services, Suncoast United Way & fundraising.

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.

None.

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		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction has begun at 3508 26th Street W, Bradenton, FL. This request will complete the \$6.3 million construction agreement with Halfacre Construction for an almost 18,000 sq ft facility to serve more girls, deliver educational excellence, increase support services and keep girls safe.	2,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,500,000

13. Program Performance

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

This funding will be used to complete Pace Manatee's new building which will: 1) increase the capacity to serve more girls, 2) add additional classrooms & improve technology, 3) Increase support services with the launch of the Reach Program, a full Health Clinic and an industrial kitchen for on site meal preparation, 4) improved safety and 5) more meeting spaces & offices.

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



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The activities & services provided are: 230 days of instruction with quality education, case management, individual & family counseling, REACH therapy, hot breakfast & lunch every day, school health clinic and community volunteer activities.

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

Direct services include 230 days of education for girls who otherwise would not be in school combined with linkage to community resources & life skills development to help create positive, contributing citizens.

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

The target population served are at-risk girls aged 11-18 years old, including those with poor mental health and are economically disadvantaged. Pace Manatee expects to serve 101-200 girls.

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 or outcome of this project is to enhance currently provided prevention services that are proven to divert the target population from the juvenile justice system by reducing recidivism, and improving the target population's mental health and quality of education. Pace Manatee's outcomes are measured via DJJ's accountability ratings, DJJ's Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), and data points regarding the number high school graduations and teen pregnancies.

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 reversion of state funds for this initiative.

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:

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



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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
- d. Phone Number



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