



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 2134

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Teen Multipurpose Center, located in Havana, Florida will be a social and recreational center intended primarily for use by Gadsden County children ages 11 to 18 years. The Center will support mentoring opportunities for youth to develop their physical, social, emotional, and cognitive abilities to experience achievement, leadership, enjoyment, friendship, and recognition. The Youth Center will offer organized instructional programs that promote the arts (dance, yoga, drawing, painting, music, graphic design, 2D/3D printing, etc.), STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), service, leadership, and health and fitness. Through the creation of education and career programs, teens will have the opportunity to gain experience in workplace readiness, college preparedness, scholarship assistance, career exploration, and crime prevention.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?** No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	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 2024-2025	500,000	100%

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

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?** Yes
- 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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If not state funding, One Gadsden Foundation, Inc. would have to rely on private contributions from donors to meet the needs of our program participants. As an organization providing services in an economically disadvantaged county, local donations are not able to fully support the services provided to participants.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. 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?

12. 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.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for the program administrator that oversees the day-to-day operations of the program.	80,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for the accounting staff assigned to the program.	40,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Office supplies, payroll taxes, travel, and indirect costs.	50,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Accounting audit.	25,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Part-time youth counselors and program coordinators for under-served youth and families.	160,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training, curriculum development and transportation/travel expenses associated with comprehensive youth center programs.	75,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Instructional contracted services and support Web design, marketing, and product labeling consultant.	70,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000



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14. Program Performance

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

The Multipurpose Teen center's primary purpose is to use educational and recreational offerings to promote social and academic qualities in youth. Our primary goals include:
 Creating a vibrant, safe, attractive, viable youth outreach center, serving as a point of gang intervention and substance abuse prevention, that is heavily used and considered a model program for the Big Bend Area.
 Supporting youth mastery of educational benchmarks (math and literacy are identified areas of focus) through tutoring and supplemental educational programs.

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

This teen center will promote activities that lead to improved social and emotional competencies that will contribute to healthy identities in youth. More so, teens will engage in academic activities that will improve academic achievement in reading and math that will lead to learning gains on state assessment tests (25% of Gadsden County's adults are reading at or below a 5th grade reading level). Career readiness activities will give teens early exposure to the labor market and prepare them for the world of work, which in turn, will increase economic development in our local communities because teens learn the skills that businesses are looking for. Finally, this teen center will support working families and businesses by providing a safe, engaging environment for students to engage with while parents are working.

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

Under direct supervision of youth counselors, coordinators, and consultants, the Youth Center will offer organized instructional programs that promote the arts (dance, yoga, drawing, painting, music, graphic design, 2D/3D printing, etc.), STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), service, leadership, and health and fitness. Through the creation of education and career programs, teens will have the opportunity to gain experience in workplace readiness, college preparedness, scholarship assistance, career exploration, and more. The goal of the center is to offer these services to teens free of charge.

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

Economically disadvantaged individuals, at-risk youth middle and high school students, and college students will be served directly and hundreds more indirectly. The target population for this project will be Gadsden County children ages 11 to 18 years. In some cases, the center will be open to children ages 4-10, when special programs are in place to accommodate them. We expect to serve 500-750 kids with this project.

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

Benefits/Outcomes:
 Decreased rate in overall juvenile crime/arrests and substance use of program participants.
 Decreased rate in truancy at the local middle schools and high school for program participants.
 Increase in youth career-readiness skill-based competencies and youth employment.
 Improved mental health from mindfulness activities and service-learning projects.
 Increase in STEM engagement, identity, career interest, career knowledge, relationships, critical thinking, and perseverance.
 Increase in overall health and wellness knowledge through the establishment of health behaviors to prevent chronic disease.
 Impact will be measured through ongoing qualitative and quantitative analysis of program effectiveness via parent/student surveys, partnership surveys, staff surveys, after-school curriculum achievement measures, attendance data from the Gadsden school district, and data from the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office.

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 the contract?

Balance of expended funds would be returned to the State if deliverables or performance measures are not met.

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**



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b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

16. 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

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number