

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. Alachua Proposal

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ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

✔ Addendum #1

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✔ Addendum #2

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✔ Addendum #3

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)*

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Do not include dashes

Maximum response length: 9 characters

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2. Provide physical address in Alachua County*

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1010 SE 4th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601

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3. Provide a mailing address*

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1010 SE 4th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601

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4. Does your agency have a 501(c)(3) status?*

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If yes, provide your certification in the question below, Failure to provide required documentation may deem your proposal non-responsive.

Yes

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5. Upload your agency's IRS 501(c)(3) designation*

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 [#7 Approval of Tax Exempt Status 12_09_1985.pdf](#)

 [#8 Tax Exemption Certificate-Pace Inc. - 2021-2026.pdf](#)

6. Responsible Agent Designation*

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The Consultant shall designate a responsible agent and alternate as necessary, for all dealings, communications, or notices or contracts between the County and the Consultant by completing and returning this Responsible Agent Form. Any notice or communication to or from the responsible agent shall be deemed to be a communication to the Consultant.

RESPONSIBLE AGENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE AGENT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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7. Project Name:*

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Securing the Pace Campus

8. Amount of funds being requested*

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Maximum of \$50,000

Maximum response length: 7 characters

\$50,000

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9. Does your proposed project benefit residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level?*

Yes

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10. Does your proposed project fit into one of the BoCC's approved funding category?*

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Quality Healthcare

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11. Has your agency been operational, providing proposed program service(s) in the funding category at least one full year prior to the date of application?*

Yes

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12. Please describe the proposed project, and quantify the anticipated benefits to residents of Alachua County living at or below 150% Federal Poverty Level:*

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Pace is located in a hot spot neighborhood. To ensure and enhance the safety and security of our campus and provide maximum protection, upgrades to our safety protocols are necessary. Following our active shooter trainings (ALICE), our GPD consultants recommended critical upgrades to our physical campus to protect girls and staff from internal and external threats.

They are:

- Installation of security cameras throughout the campus: This will help protect us from outside threats, identify and monitor internal threats such as bullying, and curtail risky behaviors during the school day. It will also help maintain "sight and sound" supervision of girls as mandated by our DJJ contracts.
- Removal of the large window in the front of each classroom (7 in all). No safety glass will protect the students and staff in their classroom should someone come on campus with a high-powered rifle. The windows will be replaced with cinderblocks to match the existing building structure.
- Creation of escape routes from the classrooms. Our classroom building is situated at the rear of the campus. There are seven classrooms, each with two exit doors in the front. All classrooms are connected by interior doors. Should an active shooter arrive, installation of safety doors in the rear of 4 classrooms would allow staff and students to evacuate safely in an emergency.

Of the girls we serve, 95% come from households at or below 150% of the FPL and all participate in the NSLP. 79% are Black, 14% are White, and 7% are Hispanic (Percentages may vary slightly as girls enter and transition from our program.). Girls attending the Center show significantly high academic challenges: 84% are failing at least one class and 52% have been suspended or expelled, leading to high levels of community disengagement (87%), delinquent behaviors (88%), behavioral health risks (88%), and significant challenges with relationships.

Installation of enhanced security measures will result in students and staff feeling more secure and therefore, better able to concentrate in the classroom and in counseling sessions. We also anticipate:

- Fewer acts of vandalism
- Better attendance
- Increased academic improvement
- Less bullying among students
- Less risky behavior
- Fewer girls involved with the juvenile justice system.

Our campus safety upgrade is a three-tiered approach to securing the campus. Partial funding will allow us to initiate the upgrade. We have secured \$10K in matching funds.

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13. Please describe how your project will enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of your agency's service delivery:*

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The importance of physical safety for learning cannot be underestimated. The National Center for Safe and Supportive Learning Environments, the CDC, and the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools Technical Assistance Center all stress that physical safety is essential for a safe and supportive learning environment in which students and staff can thrive. When students feel safe, they perform better academically, participate in fewer risky behaviors, have lower dropout rates, and develop a higher sense of connection and belonging to their school and their educational experience.

There are two essential components of our Pace paradigm – academic support to address the academic deficits our girls have and social service support to address the mental health trauma that brought them to us. Working with seasoned, dedicated counselors and teachers, our girls heal from their trauma, overcoming obstacles such as generational poverty, school failure, family instability, victimization, and physical, behavioral, and mental health challenges. Pace directly addresses health equity needs by creating a mentally safe and supportive environment to address the identified learning and social emotional needs of marginalized girls through the provision of free comprehensive academic and wrap-around social services.

We know from our 25 years of experience serving girls in Alachua County, however, that they cannot even begin to focus on their academic work or address their trauma if they do not feel physically safe. We serve as a crucial safety zone for our students – we are their “safe place”, and we want to ensure that it remains so. In the wake of school shootings and community violence (and for many of our girls, violence in the home), providing a safe haven even more critical to promote and protect their good mental health.

By enhancing the safety of the campus, we are protecting some of the most vulnerable girls in our community and maintaining a place free of chaos, danger, and fear where they can heal from their trauma, learn the coping skills they need to be successful in school, at home, and in the workplace, and focus on academic success. That allows us to deliver our academic interventions and social service support with fidelity. It also allows our girls to take full advantage of the resources we provide so that they can break generational cycles and reach their full potential.

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14. List all the budget items for which grant funds will be used and the dollar amount anticipated for each:*

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If your budget has more than five line items, you have the option to download and fill the SPACE Budget Template provided, and upload in the next question.

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Budget template is uploaded in "15. Itemized quotation from security company is added in #18 along with the floor plan of the buildings.

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15. Upload SPACE Budget Template

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 SPACE_Budget_Template_(1).xlsx

16. Describe the timeline and anticipated milestone dates for the project:*

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Once the funding is in place and permits are issued, installation and construction of the safety upgrades will proceed quickly. We anticipate the project taking no more than 6 weeks to 2 months to complete.

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17. Describe measurable outcomes for the project:*

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We anticipate the following measurable outcomes to result from the campus security enhancement project:

- Greater security - Video surveillance is the first line of defense for protection of the campus, staff, and students. External and internal cameras allow us to assess suspicious behaviors in real time and react accordingly.
- Fewer acts of vandalism (external threats) – as demonstrated by reports to GPD. We have had several acts of vandalism that have unnerved the staff and girls. In addition, our storage shed is routinely broken into, regardless of the installation of a security lock and motion activated lights.
- Better attendance – tracked in our student information management system. When girls feel safe, they come to school more often and better prepared to learn and embrace the counseling services available to them.
- Increased academic improvement – as measured by our Star testing and number of credits earned
- Less risky behavior, as reported by the Social Service team. Cameras in the classrooms allow staff and teachers to monitor unsafe behaviors and activities and deter bullying and school violence. The presence of cameras in the classroom also serves as a reminder for students and teachers about the importance of professional behavior.
- Fewer girls involved with the juvenile justice system – as tracked in our student information management system.
- Greater protection from outside threats while in the classroom – Removal of classroom windows provides greater protection from an active shooter situation and rear classroom security doors provide access to safety routes out of danger should a threat arise on campus.
- Increase in girls feeling safe and secure while on campus – as measured by the Girl's Feedback Survey. We expect to see an increase in the number of girls who "strongly agree" to the response "I feel safe at this Pace Center".

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18. Upload any supplemental documentation that is relevant to your project.

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 [Center_Diagram_'23.pdf](#)

 [Pace_Alachua_Video_line_item.pdf](#)

19. Acknowledge that you have reviewed all Addendum(s) issued with this solicitation.*

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☒ Confirmed

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20. Conflict of Interest*

☒ Pass ☐ Fail

The bidder certifies that to the best of his knowledge or belief, no elected/appointed official or employee of the County is financially interested, directly or indirectly, in the purchase of the goods or services specified on this order. (Select yes, if there is no conflict of interest)

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21. Drug Free Workplace*

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In accordance with §287.087, Florida Statute

Do you certify that you meet the following:

1. Publish a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition.
2. Inform employees about the dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, the business's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs, and the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations.
3. Give each employee engaged in providing the commodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of the statement specified in subsection (1).
4. In the statement specified in subsection (1), notify the employees that, as a condition of working on the commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any violation of Chapter 1893 or of any controlled substance law of the United

States or any state, for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

5. Impose a sanction on, or require the satisfactory participation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program if such is available in the employee's community, by any employee who is so convicted.

6. Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of this section.

As the person authorized to sign the statement, I certify that this firm complies fully with the above requirements.

Yes

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22. Corporate Resolution Granting Signature*

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The response must be submitted by an officer of the business who is legally authorized to enter into a contractual relationship in the name of the bidder. An authorized representative who is not an officer may sign the proposal, but must attach or upon request provide a corporate resolution granting authorization to the representative to execute on behalf of the business. Are you authorized to submit this RFA?

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23. By submitting this application, we acknowledge that we are aware that the information contained in this funding application is public record. We further certify that this Request for Funding is consistent with our organization's mission, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and that this application for funding was authorized by the agency's Board of Directors.*

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