

Children's Trust of Alachua County

Gun Violence Funding Proposal – Amended following the 10/23 Board Meeting

Fiscal Year 2025

At the 10/23/24 meeting of the Children's Trust of Alachua County, the Board approved \$433,150 toward gun violence prevention and intervention initiatives. The funding included Grant-Funded Projects, a Strategic Planning Consultant, a Violence Interruption Program and Training, an Additional Facilitator for the City of Gainesville's Youth Steering Committee, and Technology Hub Carts.

The proposed Grant Manager and Santa Fe College Administrative Assistant were not funded, leaving \$66,850 available for reprogramming. Following discussions between City, County, and Santa Fe Staff and through feedback from the Alliance stakeholders, the following revised budget and programming is recommended.

County Youth Steering Committees

Using gun violence data provided by the Alachua County Sheriff, two additional Youth Steering Committees will be developed in municipalities within Alachua County. These committees will engage youth impacted by gun violence in a trauma-informed way to inform the efforts around gun violence intervention and prevention. Funding will be utilized for staff and facilitator time, stipends for the youths' time, food and drink at meetings, transportation stipends for the youth to access meetings, additional payment for attending community engagement and associated events, professional and personal development experiences for the youth, and materials and supplies for the facilitation of the meetings.

Additional Funding to the Grant-Funded Projects

The remaining funding of \$24,850 will be added into the line item for grant-funded projects. Projects will be funded up to \$33,000 with a maximum funding pot of \$222,850. As a part of the call for projects, we will fund one project that specifically addresses the ongoing mentorship and mental health support of the youth engaged in the three Youth Steering Committees throughout Alachua County. This will be written into the call for proposals.

Within the City of Gainesville's model, Youth Steering Committee meetings are once per month. The youth in this committee are engaging in challenging and sensitive work during this time and in their involvement in other community engagement opportunities. These discussions are facilitated in a trauma-informed manner. Youth in the newly proposed County Youth Steering Committees will also be engaging in these types of discussions. To continue to foster emotional wellbeing and build on the professional and personal development work done with the youth in the monthly meetings, mental health and mentorship programming would be a great component. These supports provide additional regular and ongoing engagement with the Youth Steering Committee members that will complement the content and efforts of the monthly meetings.

FY25 Budget:

Item	Cost	Number	Total
Grant-Funded Projects	Up to \$33,000 each	TBD	\$222,850
Grant Manager	\$45,350	N/A	\$45,350
Strategic Planning Consultant	\$30,000	N/A	\$30,000
Violence Interrupter Program and Training	\$150,000	N/A	\$150,000
Additional Facilitator for the City of Gainesville's Youth Steering Committee	\$4,750	N/A	\$4,750
Santa Fe Administrative Assistant	\$21,500	N/A	\$21,500
Technology Hub Carts	\$7,200	7	\$50,400
County Youth Steering Committees	\$21,000	2	\$42,000
Total			\$500,000

Implementation Timeline:

Quarter One	Quarter Two	Quarter Three	Quarter Four
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and release RFP for Grant Funded Projects • Hire grant manager • Work with Community Foundation to provide information sessions on grant application process • Contract with Facilitator for Youth Steering Committee • Choose and Contract with Strategic Planning Consultant • Select violence interruption organization and initiate contract • Technology cart sites identified and agreements drafted. • Review ASCO data on county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and select RFP applications. • Initiate contracts with selected projects. • Begin Strategic Planning Process • Violence Interruption • Tech Carts purchased and established at sites • Launch County Youth Steering Committees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Period for grant funded projects • Ongoing technical assistance and training for grant funded projects • Strategic Planning Process • Violence Interruption • Tech carts implemented at sites • Data collection • Ongoing engagement of youth through Youth Steering Committees. Incorporation of grant project for mental health and mentorship support. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation Period for grant funded projects • Ongoing technical assistance and training for grant funded projects • Strategic plan developed • Violence Interruption • Tech Cart sites underway • Data collection and analysis • Ongoing engagement of youth through Youth Steering Committees. Incorporation of grant project for mental health and mentorship support.

<p>municipalities most impacted by gun violence. Engage partners in those communities for development of Youth Steering Committee. Begin recruitment for Youth Steering Committees.</p>			
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