

# Made For More Foundation Response

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

Addendum #1

*Confirmed Dec 11, 2024 8:06 AM by Joel Romelus*

## QUESTIONNAIRE

**1. Corporate Resolution Granting Signature\***

Pass  Fail

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?

Confirmed

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**2. Responsible Agent Designation\***

Pass  Fail

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:

PHONE NO:

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RESPONSIBLE AGENT: Joel D. Romelus

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**3. Provide your Employer Identification Number (EIN)\***

Pass  Fail

Do not include dashes

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**4. Provide physical address in Alachua County\***

Pass  Fail

2925 NW 39th Street Gainesville, FL 32605

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**5. Provide a mailing address\***

Pass  Fail

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Made For More PO Box: 357373 Gainesville, FL 32635

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**6. Does your agency meet the criteria for Small Business Program in accordance with Ordinance 2024-09\***

Yes  Pass  Fail

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**7. Project Name\***  Pass  Fail

Hoops and Dreams: A 5-Session Series on Gun Violence Conversations and Defying the Odds

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**8. Amount of funds being requested\***  Pass  Fail

Maximum of \$10,000

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\$10,000

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**9. Does your proposed project benefit residents of Alachua County, is consistent with the public health model, and addresses risk and protective factors of gun violence as the focus for any services provided?\***

Yes  Pass  Fail

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**10. Please describe the proposed project, and quantify the anticipated results and benefits to residents of Alachua County\***

*Maximum response length: 2500 characters*  Pass  Fail

To address the challenges faced by youth in Alachua County, Made For More is launching the **Hoops and D.R.E.A.M.S. Project**, a 6-8 session series designed to engage 30-40 students through sports, social-emotional learning, and community-building activities. These students will be identified through partnerships with teachers and administrators at Lincoln Middle and Eastside High Schools. The project provides a constructive alternative to environments influenced by gang activity, fostering resilience, accountability, and leadership in participants.

**Who We Are:** Made For More is a faith-based nonprofit empowering 88 youth in Alachua County. Over 80% live in gang-affected neighborhoods, and more than 60% are from single-parent households, many facing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) that ...

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**11. Does your proposed project fit into one of the BoCC's funding priorities?\***  Pass  Fail

Secondary Prevention and/or Intervention

Primary Prevention

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**12. Please describe how your project will prevent gun violence in Alachua County\*** Pass  Fail*Maximum response length: 2500 characters*

The Hoops and Dreams Project seeks to prevent gun violence in Alachua County by offering youth an alternative to violence and gang involvement through mentorship, sports, and community-building activities, provided through 6-8 structured sessions. Many of the youth we serve live in environments with prevalent gang activity and exposure to violence. By creating a supportive and structured space, the project aims to reduce risk factors that make youth vulnerable to gun violence while enhancing protective factors that foster resilience and positive growth.

Our approach follows the Public Health Model, addressing both risk and protective factors. Risk factors like exposure to violence, lack of role models, and social isolation are countered with protective elements such as mentorship, ...  
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**13. Please describe how the funds will be used, including tentative dollar amounts for all expenditures\*** Pass  Fail*Maximum response length: 2500 characters*

- **Staff Members (Program Mentors and Facilitators): \$2,000**
  - 1 mentor/facilitator for every 5 youth (10 mentors/facilitators and 1 program director).
  - Compensation covers training, background checks, and the facilitation of each 3-hour session.
  - The cost per session per mentor/facilitator is distributed across 6-8 sessions.
- **Venue Rental (Lincoln Middle School) & Theater Rental (Hippodrome): \$3,000**
  - 6-8 sessions (each 3 hours) at \$500 per session for Lincoln Middle School Gym Rental.
  - This cost covers the use of the space for all events, including setup and cleanup.
  - Hippodrome - Juvenile Film - 2.5 hrs @ \$175 = \$437.5
- **Qualified Guest Speakers and Honorarium: \$2,250**
  - \$300 - \$450 per speaker for 6-8 sessions.
  - The honorarium ensures guest speakers who provide inspiration and relatable life skills for the youth.

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**14. Describe the timeline and anticipated milestone dates for the project\*** Pass  Fail*Maximum response length: 2500 characters*

- **Session 1 - 2: March**

**Focused Value: Discover (D)**

**Session Focus:** Self-awareness and identity.

  - Introduction of the project to the youth, including goals and objectives.
  - Completion of the pre-survey to assess baseline knowledge and expectations.
  - The first topic and guest speaker will help youth discover their strengths, values, and potential.

**Session 3: April**

**Focused Value: Resilience (R)**

**Session Focus:** Building perseverance and overcoming challenges.

- Explore how resilience can help youth navigate adversity, including personal stories and strategies for bouncing back from setbacks.
- Mentorship and sports activities will be tied to developing inner strength and perseverance.

#### Session 4: May

#### Focused Value: Empower (E)

**Session Focus:** Empowering youth to take control of their lives and decisions.

- Focus on ...

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#### 15. Describe measurable outcomes for the project\*

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We will employ a mixed-methods approach, incorporating surveys from parents, participants, and mentors to assess the effectiveness of the program. By using measurable outcome tools, we aim to track the progress of youth throughout the program and ensure the alignment of specific goals with tangible results. The program will focus on fostering personal growth and resilience, reducing the risk of violence, and enhancing community connections. The key outcomes are as follows:

##### Increased Self-Awareness:

75% of participants will show improved understanding of their strengths, talents, and values through pre- and post-program surveys, capturing both personal insight and goal-setting improvements.

##### Enhanced Social-Emotional Skills:

75% of participants will report better resilience and conflict ...

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#### 16. Drug Free Workplace\*

Pass  Fail

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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### 17. 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)

Confirmed


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### 18. Supporting Documentation (Optional)

Pass  Fail

Upload any supporting and applicable documents here, including budget template. (Optional)

 [Hoops & D.R.E.A.M.S Pre-Program Survey.pdf](#)

 [Hoops & D.R.E.A.M.S Post-Program Survey.pdf](#)

 [Hoops & D.R.E.A.M.S Parent Pre-Program Survey.pdf](#)

 [Hoops & D.R.E.A.M.S Post-Program Parent Survey.pdf](#)

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### 19. Acknowledgement of Requirements\*

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Did you review and complete all the required documents, attachments, addenda and questions and answers?

Confirmed

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