

**Advancing Educational Program for Girls to Achieve
Socio-Economic Independence**

Proposed Recipient: Pace Center for Girls, Inc.

Address of Recipient: 6745 Philips Industrial Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32082

Amount of the Request: \$500,000

Explanation of Request: Funding would be used to upgrade Pace Pinellas' curriculum in response to the pandemic and provide free quality educational and support services to more than 130 at-risk girls. This includes purchasing a web-based platform, providing teacher professional development, and updating technology and learning materials. This project will ensure that at-risk girls in Pinellas County graduate from high school on time and enter higher education, certification training, and/or permanent employment so they can achieve long-term socio-economic independence and break the cycle of poverty and violence.