



Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority

The Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority (YFA) Announces a Request for Proposals (RFP)

In the last 10 years more than 50 million people visited Savannah, drawn by its elegant architecture, ornate ironwork, fountains and green squares. Savannah has become one of the country's most popular vacation spots. Chatham County remains the sixth most-populous county in the state of Georgia, with a population of 251,120 in 2008. Population in the Savannah MSA is projected to grow 47.9%, adding more than 140,000 people from 2000 to 2030.

The Chatham-Savannah Youth Futures Authority (YFA) is a state legislated authority serving as a collaborative for addressing issues relevant to children, youth and families and to gather resources to the social entrepreneurship table in order to improve the Savannah/Chatham County community.

Constructed in 1956, the facility which housed St. Pius High School became the St. Pius Family Resource Center (FRC) in 1994. In 2011 the FRC was closed due to YFA's budget restraints and the facilities maintenance costs. Significant rehab and repurposing will be required. The facility is currently zoned for educational and public usage, but rezoning is possible for a viable project as the City of Savannah is a valued partner to YFA. It is the goal of the YFA to maintain the unique place the FRC holds in the community.



YFA invites proposals which envisage new uses for its 28,000 square foot FRC in beautiful Savannah, GA. **The winning proposal will receive ownership of the facility.** In its present configuration includes a fully functional gymnasium; commercial kitchen, 18 classrooms; 3 computer labs; day care center; medical clinic; and various support spaces. This facility is located near the heart of Savannah and is surrounded by both an established residential community and a commuter constituency of college students, new professionals and young families.

Proposals from 501c(3) organizations and properly incorporated for profit entities meeting the following evidenced requirements will be considered. These include: 1) a track record of providing community building programs and/or facilities; 2) sound adequate fiscal resources; 3) strong managerial expertise; 4) a commitment to creation of social change for the good of the greater community and 5) the ability to orchestrate significant code required upgrades and compliance of a large educational or commercial facility.

Historically YFA has supported programs that addressed:

- reduction in the number of teen pregnancies;
- ensuring educational success;
- prevention of juvenile delinquency;
- enrichment in early childhood education.

YFA therefore seeks full proposals that include plans, programs and/or services that address these types of community needs. Other felt needs, objectives and or bottom line goals may also be addressed.

Key Evaluative Components

Programs/projects should be self sustaining and provide long term viability. Initiatives can be for profit or not for profit but must make some services available at little or no cost to recipients; taking into consideration the existential needs of the young, poor, elderly and ill. Successful proposals will present benefits and opportunities for diverse, mixed income and multiple age groups. Elements that live into YFA's vision of empowered children and youth are also essential. The ideal proposal will utilize the existing facility by merging people serving programs with revenue generating services in a symbiotic partnership.

Proposals should include a copy of your IRS determination letter; statement of approval of State incorporation; copies of last 2 years audited financial records; listing of successful completed similar projects and programs; letter signed by CEO/President or Board Chair authorizing the proposal; and other supporting documents.

Interested persons should call the YFA at the phone number below to express an interest and submit the proposal to one of the addresses below (or via fax) by 4:00pm on **September 30, 2011**. There is no page limitation for the proposal.

Phone: 912.352.7054

Fax: 912.352.7451

Submit proposals to YFA at:

Mailing Address-1:

(OR)

Mailing Address-2:

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Attn: St. Pius RFP

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601 East 66th Street, Suite 101

P.O. Box 14317

Savannah, GA 31405

Savannah, GA 31416

All proposals received by the deadline will be reviewed for meeting basic requirements; and acknowledged. The top 5 proposals will be reviewed by the entire board. Should a viable proposal emerge; the winning bid will be announced in October, 2011.