



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 1756

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. Project/Program Description

The Career Paths and Life Skills project is an expansion of a project that resulted in community employment and social integration for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness. This project will implement best practices for developing career paths to community employment, addressing state and federal goals, while providing enriching educational inclusive opportunities to enhance connectedness and integration within the community. The Arc Jacksonville will cultivate new business partnerships which will provide on-the-job training and permanent employment, leading to improved self-sufficiency for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?**

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024	300,000	100%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2022-23	0	300,000	243	No

9. **Is future funding likely to be requested?**
- a. **If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.**
- b. **Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**
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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

PPP loan 1 - 1,239,900 - staff salaries, benefits, utilities
 PPP loan 2 - 1,175,940-staff salaries, benefits and utilities

Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning
 Design
 Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits for 5 staff positions.	264,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant to provide best practices employment models, training and maintain and report project data.	36,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

14. Program Performance

a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?



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The specific purpose to be achieved by funds requested is to deliver innovative service-delivery models for individuals with intellectual, developmental and/or mental disorders, where such individuals will be more immersed in community life via innovative transition services, career paths and employment opportunities, so that the target population can lead fulfilling, productive, contributing, and satisfactory lives. Ultimately, the target population will have more inclusive and experiential career development-services that reverse their historical dismal employment and community inclusion outcomes.

b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

The project will use national evidence-based best practices in delivering innovative approaches to providing career development services and life skills training for the target population. Program evaluations, revamping of programs/services and continued research of best practices will be implemented. Identification of emerging needs and sub-populations will occur to further improve employment and community life outcomes. Development of innovative community partnership opportunities as well as expanded business partnerships for internships (paid/unpaid) will improve quality of life for a historically economically disadvantaged population.

c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Citizens of this appropriation project will receive the following person-centered direct services: supported access to career-focused education opportunities to increase economic self-sufficiency, self-determination, self-advocacy, work readiness training, job development services, mental health/well-being services, community and independent living education, and experiential learning opportunities.

d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?

The target population are individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or persons with mental health disorders. This includes economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals, unemployed individuals and those with confounding disabilities (physical, mental, etc). The project is expected to serve 100 individuals.

e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?

The expected benefit of this project is to create job opportunities which provide at least minimum wage and are consistent with career goals of the participating individuals. This will demonstrate that increased and meaningful community inclusion through work readiness training or functional based life skills training significantly improves the quality of life for the target population. This project will focus on expanding career-focused education, business partnership for on-the-job training and eventual employment to offer greater self-sufficiency.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for non compliance, non performance, unacceptable performance, or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract

15. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

16. Recipient Contact Information

a. Organization

b. Municipality and County

c. Organization Type



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- For Profit Entity
- Non Profit 501(c)(3)
- Non Profit 501(c)(4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (please specify)

d. First Name **Last Name**

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number