



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** A Vision of Redemption's Family Reconnection Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Perry Thurston

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/01/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

A Vision of Redemption is a grassroots 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving parents of children and families who are incarcerated. Our vision is to provide a vehicle where parents who are incarcerated can maintain a relationship with their children and our mission is to protect the family even while they're serving time. The organization's programs facilitate the development of self-confidence, emotional wellness, and economic self-sufficiency for these families by creating a network of resources and a foundation for family reunification. The family Reconnection Program is built on evidence based best practices and includes the following components: •Using the Parenting Inside Out Curriculum to help returning citizens improve relationships with their children and spouses or significant others; •Providing Storybooks to returning citizens and their children to serve as icebreakers for the first visit and promote family literacy for the first and subsequent visits; •Assisting in transp

5. **State Agency Contacted?** No

a. If yes, which state agency?

b. If no, which is the most appropriate state agency to place an appropriation for the issue being requested?
Department of Corrections

6. **Amount of Non-recurring Requested for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Amount Requested for Operations	Amount Requested for Fixed Capital Outlay	Total Amount of Requested State Funds
857,000		857,000

7. **Type, amount and percent of matching funds available for this project for fiscal year 2018-19:**

Type	Amount	Percent
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	0	0.0 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 857,000



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9. Previous Year Funding Details:

- Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No
- In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional)
- What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded?
- Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed?
- Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18 (If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
	Column:	A	B
Funds Description:		Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *
Input Amounts:			

10. Is future-year funding likely to be requested?

Yes

- If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.

Yes, equipment is not required every year. The recurring amount is \$752,471.

11. Program Performance:

- What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?

The specific goals that will be achieved are: Reconnecting families, Lower Recidivism Rates for Incarcerated Parents, Positive Relationship building with parent and child, Promote literacy for parent and Child, Mitigates further Trauma to Child, Aid in Behavioral & Emotional wellness for Children, provide Caregiver support and resources to better aid family's financial burden.

- What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?

1. Parenting Classes for Inmates to learn how to better interact with their Children 2. Provide Storybooks to parent and child to serve as Icebreaker for 1st visit and promotes literacy for child and parent. 3. Provide Regular Monthly Visits to and from prison for Children and Caregivers. 4. Host Support Group to Caregivers where resources are provided to aid with the family's needs

- How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Salary for 2 full time employees	116,250
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits	FICA, FUTA, TAXES, Workers comp. (10% of salaries) for PM and ED, Fringe Benefits	30,980
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Inmate Parenting, Story Book Program, transportation, caregiver support programs, Family support and operational cost	437,691
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Drivers, Instructors, Camp Counselors Payroll Services and Evaluator	92,550
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	1 Accountant, 1 Admin Assistant	75,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	7 vans to be purchased (Anticipated lifespan for 5 years)	105,000
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		857,471

d. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

To address these daily struggles and adverse outcomes of children with incarcerated parents, A Vision of Redemption's (AVOR's) Family Reconnection Program (FRP) is built on evidence based best practices and includes the following components: •Using the Parenting Inside Out Curriculum to help returning citizens improve relationships with their children and spouses or significant others; •Providing Storybooks to returning citizens and their children to serve as icebreakers for the first visit and promote family literacy for the first and subsequent visits; •Assisting in transporting children and their caregivers to and from prison for regular,



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monthly visits with incarcerated parents; and •Hosting a support group for caregivers so they can share their experiences and access other resources to strengthen family cohesion.

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

Inmate parents, children of inmates, custodial parents/ caregivers who are Broward County Residents

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

•Assisting imprisoned parents with fostering and maintaining meaningful relationships; •Helping imprisoned parents and their children build vocabulary and literacy skills; •Assisting children in learning patience, developing listening skills, and using their imaginations; •Facilitating visitations to aid in the management of the inmate population . 1.Recidivism: By December 31, 2018, 75% of the returning citizens participating in the program will not have been convicted of any new crimes/ behavioral infractions, as measured by reviews of returning citizens' criminal records; 2.Returning Citizens' Literacy: By December 31, 2018, 50% of the returning citizens participating in the program will have improved their literacy skills by at least 25%; as indicated by a pre-/posttest comparison of performance on the prison component of the National Assessment of Adult Literacy (NAAL) Survey; 3.Child Literacy: By December 31, 2018, 50% of school-aged children (participating in a minimum of

g. 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 in the contract?

N/A

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** A Vision of Redemption, Inc.
- b. **County:** Broward
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)



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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

a. Name: None

b. Firm: None

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