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Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Problem Solving Court-Driver's License Reinstatement Pilot Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Rene Garcia

3. **Date of Submission:** 11/14/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Driver's License Reinstatement Pilot Program

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? State Court System

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

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
499,422		499,422

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	497,593	49.9%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	497,593	49.9 %

8. **Total Project Cost for fiscal year 2018-19 (including the Total Amount of Requested State Funds):** 997,015

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes

b. In the previous 5 fiscal years, how many years was funding provided? (Optional) 1

c. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2017-18

d. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? Yes

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

FY:	Input Prior FY Appropriation for this project for FY 2017-18
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	(If appropriated in FY 2017-18 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)		
Column:	A	B	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		250,000	250,000

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

No

11. Program Performance:

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

Miami-Dade Criminal Court Division seeks funding for a pilot program to reduce the number of drivers whose privilege to drive has been revoked due to an inability to pay traffic fines and costs. The goal is to evaluate and restructure the debt owed so that it becomes feasible for drivers to meet their financial obligations and regain their privilege to drive. This is NOT an amnesty effort or an endeavor to excuse those whose demonstrated a failure to abide by traffic laws.

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

Operation of a drivers license reinstatement court.

c. How will the funds be expended?

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits	Funds will be spent to address costs for Clerk of Courts staff	322,297



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	and other relevant staff necessary to operate a DWLS courtroom including, but not limited to, a bailiff, clerks, IT department, security and other necessary court administrative personnel	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be spent to support the operation of the DWLS court including, but not limited to, preparation and mailing of court notices, resolutions and correspondence, creation of dedicated phone line for scheduling of cases and IT support systems	177,125
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
TOTAL		499,422

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

Increase the amount of legal drivers on Florida highways and roads by lawfully reinstating licenses and increasing the amount of drivers eligible to obtain state required insurance

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

The targeted population served by this project includes: elderly persons, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons and university/college students. In Miami-Dade County approximately 500,000 drivers licenses are suspended. It is estimated that over 100,000 people drive with a suspended license. The DWLS Project anticipates resolving 1,000 cases per week.

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

The expected outcome is to reduce the number of people with a suspended license by providing a mechanism for payment of fines and costs and to increase the amount of people driving legally. The methodology to



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measure the outcome includes gathering data documenting the amount of tickets, warrants and arrests related to driving with a suspended license pre and post pilot program.

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?

The 11th Judicial Circuit County Court Criminal Division is offering 50% matching funds and may increase the amount of days operating the DWLS Pilot Program to meet the deliverables. Penalties would include full reimbursement of funds allocated.

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.

11th Judicial Circuit County Court Criminal Division- Miami-Dade County

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** 11th Judicial Circuit County Court Criminal Division
- b. **County:** Miami-Dade
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) 11th Judicial Circuit County Court Criminal Division
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15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.

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