



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Vincent Academy of Adventure Coast Construction

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Wilton Simpson

3. **Date of Submission:** 12/13/2017

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Funding to build Vincent Academy of Adventure Coast. This request represents Phase 2 of a two-year funding request totaling \$2,000,000. Phase 1 was funded for \$1,000,000 in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 General Appropriations Act.

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Justice Administration

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
	1,000,000	1,000,000

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):** 1,000,000

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? No

e. Complete the following Worksheet.



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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	C
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds *	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds *	Total Funds Appropriated (Column A + Column B)
Input Amounts:		1,000,000	1,000,000

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?

Vincent Academy Adventure Coast seeks funding to construct a building in Hernando County for us to continue to provide services, and greatly expand our services to the mentally ill in Hernando and in the surrounding counties. We are a Recovery Through Work Program where those with a mental illness can obtain stability, community involvement, and employment. Our members are less likely to have contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system. We actively partner with local agencies and businesses to insure our members can meet the needs of employers and become an integral part of the community.

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

Vincent Academy Adventure Coast is a work day focused clubhouse where persons with a mental illness who need more services than they are currently receiving or is available locally, can come to VAAC five days a week as a member, become part of a community, and enter into employment where appropriate.

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		



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Operational Costs		
<input type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits		
<input type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
<input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	Construction of the building	1,000,000
TOTAL		1,000,000

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

Citizens of Hernando and neighboring counties will receive direct services from the first certified facility for psychosocial rehabilitation to be opened in this area of the state. Intense daily services will be offered as well as some evenings and weekends, so that members with a mental illness will have the benefit of a Recovery Through Work program, that helps them achieve mental health stability, wellness and community involvement. At Vincent Academy the staff works equally alongside the members throughout the work day, teaching work ethic and professionalism by example.

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

The target population of this project is persons with a mental illness, including those with criminal justice involvement, who need assistance in obtaining stability, re-entering the community, and obtaining increased income or employment. Once a person becomes a "member" they are considered life time members and encouraged to be active on some level with Vincent Academy even after obtaining employment and wellness. Those who have been members longer then take on greater roles in the work centered day and encourage the new members to achieve stability and wellness.

f. 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 Vincent Academy Adventure Coast will be: increased stability for those with a mental illness to include fewer hospitalizations, more positive involvement with the community, decreased contact with law enforcement and the criminal justice system, increased income for those who qualify, transitional employment, supportive employment, independent employment, partnership with Vocational Rehabilitation and partnerships with the local agencies and communities.

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?



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Vincent Academy Adventure Coast is part of Van Gogh's Palette, Inc.; at no time has any of the locations through Van Gogh's Palette been insufficient with performance measures, or failed to meet deliverables in our 14 year history.

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.

Vincent Academy Adventure Coast will own the facility, be directly responsible for all maintenance and upgrades, and it will be rented to Van Gogh's Palette, Inc., d/b/a Vincent Academy for a minimum of a fifty year period. The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will also be tenants of the building which will allow for an increased partnership and referrals for those with a mental illness, so they may immediately avail themselves of our services.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. **Name:** Bob Dillinger
- b. **Organization:** Public Defender, 6th Circuit
- c. **Email:** bdilling@wearethehope.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (727)424-7301

14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Vincent Academy Adventure Coast
- b. **County:** Hernando
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - ☐ For Profit
 - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - ☐ Local Entity
 - ☐ University or College
 - ☐ Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Raine Johns
- e. **E-mail Address:** raine@vincenthouse.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (727)417-6279

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

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None
- c. **Email:**
- d. **Phone Number:**