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## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2280

1. **Title of Project:** Reichert House Program

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Keith Perry

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/28/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Reichert House is seeking funds to provide educational and vocational services to high-risk youth and young adults. The program will assist students by enhancing their academic performance through core subject area remediation centered around STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Math). The vocational, academy style training will allow the young men to acquire skills that would lead to gainful employment through career development. The requested funds will assist our organization in decreasing the dropout rate among high risk youth, increasing the graduation rates, and successful post secondary placement. In addition, we will reduce recidivism among high risk youth who have entered the juvenile justice system.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Juvenile Justice

State Agency Contacted? No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>200,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	14.49%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	1,180,584	85.51%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>1,180,584</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** \$60,000



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#### 10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Funds will be used to pay participants' exam fees for exams and/or certifications. Equipment such as STEM Kits, laptop computers, musical instruments and other educational technology will be purchased for participants' use. Funds will also be used to cover fees and costs associated with college tours and leadership training for program participants.	108,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	3 Part-time Florida Certified Teachers: one each for elementary, middle-school and high-school/CROP instruction. 1 Part-time Educational Specialist to coordinate, facilitate and monitor program participants' educational and program activities between the school, family and Reichert House program.	92,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>200,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

This project intends to improve the potential future quality of life among high-risk males whose assessed risks demonstrate a likelihood of involvement with the criminal justice system. Their participation will alter that path and instead lead them to a productive lifestyle of positive economic contribution, engaged citizenship and social stability.

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

Our project will utilize activities and services such as educational sessions, college tours, community service projects, career and life skills training, access to mental health assistance, mentoring, self-advocacy and project-based learning.

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

Students will receive targeted supplemental education assistance in core subject areas through our STREAM concept (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math). The program will parallel the Sunshine



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State Standards and mirror the pacing guides of the School Board of Alachua County. Through evidence-based methods such as Kagan Cooperative Learning and the Neurodevelopment of Words (NOW), our project will be able to provide reinforcement in basic academic fundamentals such as decoding, comprehension, phonetics and other primary skills necessary for a strong academic base. In addition to our core subject area focus, we will provide self-agency development through artistic modules such as traditional and digital arts, television production, musical engineering and production, and dance.

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

The targeted population of our proposed project is males between ages 8 through 18. These young men will include dropouts and those who exhibit high indicators of dropping out, and/or have been engaged with the juvenile justice system. The young men will all be residents of Alachua County. The project participants reside in areas within Alachua County displaying a high concentration of crime, poverty, incarceration and low academic achievement.

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

1. Increased Academic Performance for Higher Graduation Rates - Participants' attendance and academic performance will be tracked to determine improved attendance and performance that will yield higher potential for completion/graduation. 2. Promote Citizenship through Civic Engagement and Social Awareness - pre and post attitude surveys.

**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 in the contract?**

None

**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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- b. **Organization:** Reichert House
- c. **E-mail Address:** nembhardmo@cityofgainesville.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (352)393-7716

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Reichert House Youth Academy
- b. **County:** Alachua
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity



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University or College

Other (Please specify)

**d. Contact Name:** Robert Woody

**e. E-mail Address:** woodyrl@cityofgainesville.org

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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name:** None

**b. Firm Name:** None

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**d. Phone Number:**