



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2357

1. **Title of Project:** Children of Inmates: Careers Over Crime

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jason Pizzo

3. **Date of Submission:** 03/07/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Incarceration of parents/caregivers impacts 300,000 Florida children. Research states that these children are acutely at-risk for anti-social behaviors, mental illness and cognitive delays stemming from exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). Cambridge University research finds that youth with incarcerated parents are at three times the risk of anti-social behaviors and twice the risk of mental illness, placing them on a pathway to incarceration themselves. The program will identify 150 youth, between 12-25, who are at the greatest risk for interaction with the juvenile justice system and will provide a minimum of 6 job readiness training sessions, mentoring and internship/entrepreneurship placement.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</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)	300,000	56.39%
Federal	232,000	43.61%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>232,000</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?** No

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



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Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer will allocate .15 FTE to project management and ensuring project deliverables are met. Position will also be responsible for building and maintaining collaborative partnerships with local and state agencies.	22,500
Other Salary and Benefits	Business Manager will allocate .25 FTE to oversee administrative and fiscal management of program, including invoicing, internal controls and preparation of fiscal reports.	15,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$12,500 will be expended for travel to administrative meetings and trainings with HHS, FDC and partnering agencies across the State. \$10,000 will be allocated to office rent to support daily program management activities. \$2,500 will be reserved for office supplies.	25,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	\$125,000 will be reserved to hire up to two FTE social work and/ or criminal justice staff to provide youth intervention, mentoring and ongoing job readiness training to at-risk youth as a crime deterrent.	125,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Up to \$30,000 will be reserved to support transportation costs and program supplies for children (and appropriate caregivers) to participate in child-centered bonding visits to FDC correctional institutions, designed to foster bond between child and incarcerated parent. \$10,000 will be allocated for staff travel expenses to support youth activities in major population centers through state. \$20,000 will be allocated for program supplies and related costs for the ongoing job readiness trainings.	60,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	COI is a service network of agencies. As such, \$52,500 will be reserved to support subcontracts to partner agencies with specializations in job readiness training, mentoring and teenage youth development across rural and metropolitan area.	52,500
<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>300,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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



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Over 300,000 children in the state of Florida have a parent incarcerated. Research demonstrates that these children are acutely at-risk for anti-social behaviors, mental illness and cognitive delays stemming from exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). Program will identify 150 youth, between 12-25, who are at greatest risk for interaction with juvenile justice system and will provide a minimum of 6 job readiness training sessions, mentoring and internship/ entrepreneurship placement.

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

Child-centered bonding visit at a Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) facility designed to foster a bond between a child and an incarcerated parent, while exploring career interests through personality and strengths assessments. Minimum of 6 ongoing job readiness training sessions, including resume building, interview preparedness and others for 150 youth ages 12-25 throughout the state. 85% of youths participating in the job readiness training program will be placed in a summer internship or entrepreneurial training program. Program will also include a "speakers bureau" of formerly incarcerated individuals who can be deployed to speak to at-risk youth about the realities of incarceration and risky behaviors.

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

Direct services will be the child-centered bonding visit an an FDC facility designed to foster a bond between a child and an incarcerated parent, while exploring career interests through personality and strengths assessments. Minimum of 6 ongoing job readiness training sessions, including resume building, interview preparedness and others for 150 youth ages 12-25 throughout the state. 85% of youths participating in the job readiness training program will be placed in a summer internship or entrepreneurship program. Program will also include a "speakers bureau" of formerly incarcerated individuals who can be deployed to speak to at-risk youth about the realities of incarceration and risky behaviors.

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

The target population served by this project are youth, teenagers and young adults ages 12-25 years of age with incarcerated parents. We anticipate serving 150 young people with these funds. Many of these youth are economically disadvantaged. Youth in this age range face homelessness at a greater degree, often because they are not living with a biological parent. Further, many within the Children of Inmates (COI) population struggle with developmental disabilities and/or physical disabilities and they lack the educational support to move forward appropriately. These youth are exposed to higher levels of community and direct violence and without proper intervention often times become involved in the violence.

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

The expected benefits are to interrupt intergeneration incarceration by working with youth and with incarcerated parents to help them find a path forward. Activities include ongoing job readiness sessions, mentoring and community activities to foster community as a crime deterrent. Through career exploration activities, the youth will learn of opportunities and strategies for becoming productive and contributing citizens.

**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?**



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\$1000 financial consequence for every child under the proposed 150 not having completed 75% of ongoing job readiness training; \$500 financial consequence for every percentage point of enrolled participants under 75% without placement in a summer internship program or entrepreneurship training program.

**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

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  - ☐ For Profit
  - ☒ Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
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