



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1659

1. **Project Title**
2. **Senate Sponsor**
3. **Date of Request**

4. **Project/Program Description**

The Transition to Community Employment & Life is a continuation and last phase (Year 4) of The Arc Jacksonville's (Arc) 2019-2020 Demonstration Project, "Transition to Community Employment." This Demonstration Project will continue to implement best practices of community employment models that address new federal mandates to transition individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness from facility-based programs to inclusive settings, while providing enriching educational inclusion opportunities to enhance connectedness and integration within the community. Community partnership expansion will lead to increased internships (paid/unpaid), meaningful employment-related and enriching day activities. This Project (Year 4) includes implementing minimum-wage employment opportunities within a new Arc enterprise for target population, as well as seeking to implement a community-based social enterprise to provide immediate job opportunities for the target population.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds**
- State Agency contacted?     Yes     No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="300,000"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>300,000</b>

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="300000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>300,000</b>	<b>100</b> %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**     Yes     No
- If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="2019-20"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="300,000"/>	<input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="ACX47"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> No

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?**     Yes     No
- If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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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	Vice President Special Projects	63,613
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries	236,387
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<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>



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## 11. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose to be achieved by the funds requested is to transform service-delivery models for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and/or mental disorders, where such individuals will be more immersed in meaningful community life via innovative community employment opportunities and access of the community, so that target population can leave fulfilling, productive and contributing, and satisfactory lives. The main goal is for target population to have more inclusive and experiential transition services that increase their sense of civic duty and contribute to reversing their historical dismal employment and community inclusion outcomes.

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

This project will utilize national and evidence-based best practices in transforming current service-delivery systems related to employment services, cultural enrichment, and adult day training for the target population. Program evaluations, revamping of programs/services and internal organizational systems, and continued research of best practices will be implemented. Identification of emerging needs and sub-populations will occur to further improve employment and community life outcomes. Development of enterprises and social enterprises, innovative community employment opportunities (small work groups) as well as expanded community partnership building for internship opportunities (paid/unpaid) will improve quality of life for a historically economically disadvantaged population.

### c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?

Citizens of this project will receive the following direct services: mental health/well-being services, enriching cultural experiences within the community, self-determination, work readiness training within the community, job development services, community and independent living education, access and education to increase economic self-sufficiency, and experiential learning opportunities. Services are person-centered.

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

The target population are individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or persons with mental health disorders. Therefore, this population includes economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals, unemployed individuals, and those with confounding disabilities (i.e., physical, mental health, etc.). The project is expected to serve 120 individuals.

### 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 of this project is to demonstrate that increased and meaningful community inclusion, either for work readiness training or educational-based adult day training can significantly improve the quality of life for the target population. Arc is one of the largest service providers in Northeast Florida and is leading transformation of service delivery to meet federal mandates. This project will ensure that the target population does not include sub-minimum wage, facility-based employment is no longer an option and innovative minimum-wage employment is the standard to improve economic self-sufficiency via competitive integrated employment, employment within Arc's enterprise(s), and community employment (small groups). Arc will create a report where similar organizations within the state can have a replicable model. An online software will be used to track specific outcomes of services and target population's goals via objective assessments.

### 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?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, unacceptable performance, or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract



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12. **The owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.**

not applicable

13. **Requestor Contact Information**

- a. First Name  Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.

14. **Recipient Contact Information**

- a. Organization
- b. Municipality and County
- c. Organization Type
- For-profit Entity
  - Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (please specify)
- d. First Name  Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. **Lobbyist Contact Information**

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number  Ext.