



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request - Fiscal Year 2018-2019

1. **Title of Project:** Collaborative Faith and Character Based Prison Ministry Support

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Darryl Rouson

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/09/2018

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Create a coalition of non-profit Faith and Character Based programs to administer services to prison inmates

5. **State Agency Contacted?** Yes

a. If yes, which state agency? Department of Corrections

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 |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 375,000                         |   | 375,000                               |

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):** 375,000

9. **Previous Year Funding Details:**

a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? No

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

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

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

e. Complete the following Worksheet.

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

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

Yes

**a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.**

375,000

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Maximization of the volunteer effort of numerous prison ministry programs throughout the state.

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

Faith and Character based programs offer counseling, mentoring, educational training, financial literacy, and when requested, spiritual guidance to inmates in prison. These funds will provide the materials and tools to be used by the inmates in the provision of these services. The further development of performance based programs, training of trainers and volunteers, and the monitoring and evaluation of outcomes associated with these programs will be conducted with these funds.

**c. How will the funds be expended?**

| Spending Category   | Description  | Amount |
|---|--|--------|
| Administrative Costs  |  |        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits | Coalition Director   | 50,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Salary and Benefits                           | Business assistant to help with contracts, purchasing, and field relations | 25,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other             | Biannual site visits to each   | 25,000 |



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|   | prison site participating for onsite monitoring. Office phone and computer expenses for daily field contact availability   |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study              |  |         |
| Operational Costs   |  |         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary and Benefits                     | Field coordinator at each new prison site @ \$25,000 per coordinator   | 100,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other | Computers, printers, software and technical supplies for inmate training at each site. Annual conference for all prison ministry organizations in the coalition to share best practices information and new ideas. | 100,000 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consultants/Contracted Services/Study   | Contract for state of the art training in counseling and education delivery behind bars for field coordinators and prison ministry partners.   | 75,000  |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation                                 |  |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering  |  |         |
| TOTAL   |  | 375,000 |

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

Studies and experience show that this type of prison programming reduces recidivism and further crimes in society, reunites families with greater stability for the family, and provides a safer environment for correctional personnel while inmates are in prison. With defined programs and trained volunteers, inmates will receive in a supportive environment, counseling in the areas of anger management, skill development (academic), financial literacy, and personal responsibility.



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

Inmates in Florida prisons which participate in Faith and Character based programs. 730 individuals directly served.

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

The outcome expected is reduced prison recidivism, reduced inmate disciplinary reports while in prison, employment rate increase for ex-offenders and greater family stability. All of these have mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating outcomes in place. A new Offender Rehabilitation Assessment will be administered as well as recidivism and disciplinary tracking.

**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?**

Termination of Contract.

**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:**

- a. **Name:** Nate Schaidt, Director
- b. **Organization:** Horizon, Inc.
- c. **Email:** nate@horizoncommunities.org
- d. **Phone Number:** (386)689-8240

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Horizon, Inc.
- b. **County:** Statewide
- 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:** Nate Schaidt, Director
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**15. If there is a registered lobbyist, fill out the lobbyist information below.**

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm:** None



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**c. Email:**

**d. Phone Number:**