



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1094

1. **Title of Project:** RESTORE Ex Offender Reentry

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lori Berman

3. **Date of Submission:** 01/28/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Palm Beach County (PBC) in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) and community-based reentry partners facilitate the successful reintegration of ex-offenders returning to PBC. The Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative, established in 2011, provides inmates with pre- and post-release services to assist in their transition back into the community.

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

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	250,000

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)	250,000	13.54%
Federal	461,713	25.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	272,513	14.76%
Local	862,343	46.70%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	1,846,569	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		250,000	740	No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 250,000

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used to provide ex-offender reentry case management and support services by qualified case managers through four contracted agencies. Case management services include outreach, needs assessment, plan of care, follow up/plan review, and employment assistance. Support services include transportation, employment assistance, medical financial assistance, education preparation classes, substance abuse and mental health assessments, and transitional housing.	250,000
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		250,000

11. Program Performance:

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

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

Post-Release Education Prep Class- Contractor may provide basic academic instruction to improve participant's literacy skills. This shall be reflected in the Plan of Care and information management system (RENEW). Contractor shall provide the Program content to Department's Contract Manager. Completion of training shall be in RENEW. Services include academic testing and prep classes to increase level of literacy. Transitional Housing- Contractor shall provide transitional housing as needed.

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

The Contractor shall provide case management by a qualified case manager for each program participant based on individual needs and willingness to participate, The Contractor may provide initial outreach activities for pre-release program participants that are within three (3) years of release. The Contractor shall assess the needs of



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eligible program participants using the LSI-r. The Contractor shall develop a Plan of Care for each program participant through a case manager. The Contractor will ensure a qualified case manager meets individually with each program participant at least monthly to evaluate and discuss the program participant's performance and progress in the Program. The Contractor may provide employment assistance to participants identified in need in the Plan of Care.

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

The target population for this Program will be active inmates and recently released inmates from the Florida Department of Corrections institution/facility convicted in and returning to Palm Beach County, Florida. The RESTORE will target 300 medium to high risk offenders and/or inmates, as determined by the Level of Service Inventory revised (LSI-r) Scores from completed risk assessments to provide re-entry services which support successful reintegration into the community. This population will consist of Department inmates being released, and Department ex-offenders who may or may not be under the supervision of the Department.

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

The expected benefit is reduced recidivism. It will be measured by rearrest rates and return to DOC rates.

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?

Financial penalties have been incorporated into our contract with the FDOC for failure to meet deliverables.

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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- b. **County:** Palm Beach
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify) Unit of Local Government



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