



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1177

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

4. **Project/Program Description**

The mission of Red Tent is to provide incarcerated women with skills to heal and improve their lives through trauma informed programs. Since 1990 incarceration of women has increased 700% and now outpaces men 2:1 throughout the US. Pinellas County and Florida are no exception. Red Tent has been working with women in the Pinellas County Jail since 2012 with an informed program to help them resolve the unresolved trauma. It is the longest running program at the jail. Trauma typically underlies the unhealthy decisions incarcerated women have made in their lives and with resolution of the trauma supports greater healing and better decisions. Resolution also improves self esteem, life effectiveness and reduces recidivism. Red Tent is proud to have an experienced program to counter the increased recidivism of women and has the opportunity to double capacity in the Pinellas County Jail and wants to expand it to other jails throughout Florida.

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: 80px;" type="text" value="303,177"/>
Fixed Capital Outlay	<input style="width: 80px;" type="text" value="000"/>
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>303,177</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: 80px;" type="text" value="303,177"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="100.0"/> %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Local	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
Other	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="00"/>	<input style="width: 60px;" type="text" value="0"/> %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>303,177</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: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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	Josette Green is a skilled CEO with 25+ years of successful experience turning around organizations and moving them forward. This amount is for her salary, payroll taxes and health insurance. She provides strategy, runs all details of the organization and secures all of the funding. She has taken a significant pay cut to do this meaningful work to impact the community and improve the lives of women.	105,072
Other Salary and Benefits	A part time administrative assistant is needed to handle the many operational details and support the CEO. Hourly wages and payroll taxes are included in this amount.	13,770
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This is for CEO travel, expenses and general administrative supplies.	5,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Pinellas County Jail has just given their approval to Red Tent to double our capacity at the jail and run 2 classes instead of 1 each week. We've had a wait list of women for the entire 7 years of operation and want to ensure any woman who is ready to heal and improve their lives has the opportunity to receive the skills offered in this class. This amount is for the new second class that would double the women impacted.	72,295
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	The expansion of classes at the jail will require supplies, a computer, software, and support services for the personnel. Red Tent relies heavily on volunteers and interns and so equipment and supplies are needed for the free labor they provide. Red Tent plans to take this program to other Florida jails thanks to this funding and so additional equipment and supplies are needed.	31,840
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Red Tent wants to expand this experienced trauma informed program across Florida to counteract the increased incarceration of women. A curriculum consultant needs to be hired to effectively capture the curriculum and best practices and create a training program to begin training others in creating this science based course at other Florida jails. Social media, marketing and fundraising is needed for this expansion in addition to support the everyday operations.	75,200
<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>303,177</b>



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

1. To double our capacity at the Pinellas County Jail and create a second class to heal and improve the lives of women. Since beginning the program in 2012 there has always been a wait list. Women want to improve their lives.  
2. To nail down the curriculum and best practices of the 7 year program and develop a training program to expand our trauma informed program out to other jails and prisons across the nation.  
3. To fund the leadership of the organization that grants aren't interested in funding but is essential to move the organization forward, for daily operations and to execute on the above two new opportunities.

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

Red Tent can double our impact on incarcerated women in Pinellas County with expansion of a new class at the jail thank to this funding and the recent approval of the jail to open a new class. It also ensures leadership to the organization to take the service increase and ongoing management. In addition this funding will take this science based, trauma informed program to other jails and prisons in Florida so women can be healed, recidivism decreases and communities are safer.

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

Incarcerated citizens will be provided with a program that helps to resolve the underlying reason why they are typically in jail - unresolved trauma. With the new skills and healing that results from this program, better decisions are made, recidivism is reduced and communities are safer. All citizens benefit with families that stay in tact and not torn apart by incarceration and the improved community safety.

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

The target population of the increased class at the Pinellas County Jail is incarcerated women. We serve about 200 women a year at this location. The ability to package the curriculum and train other jails and prisons has unlimited potential and can then impact hundreds of jails and thousands of incarcerated citizens in Florida.

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

1. Reduced recidivism. Measure recidivism and its reduction. We are currently working with the University of Tampa to complete this research and develop an on going measure. Previous research by the jail indicates reduced recidivism which is why they fund the one class and why this is the longest operating class at the jail. 2. Improved Self Esteem. Through the use of the Rosenberg Self Esteem Scale we measure self esteem at three different time intervals. 3. Improved Life Effectiveness. Through the Life Effectiveness Quotient survey we measure various elements of an improved life at three different time intervals to see the progress of an improved life.

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?

The community loses out on being safer, families lose out at staying in tact, children lose out on having their mom in their life on a daily basis and everyone loses out on not being able to expand this program to other jails and significantly increase the impact to its incarcerated women for an improved life. There are no monetary or punitive penalties that would be imposed other then the impact to society and to individuals.



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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.