



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1398

1. **Project Title** RE-ENTRY PORTAL SANTA ROSA COUNTY - REAP SANTA ROSA2. **Senate Sponsor** Doug Broxson3. **Date of Request** 11/21/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola, Inc. ("REAP") operates a re-entry program offering transitional services for persons released from Florida state prisons, or who are under the supervision of FDOC probation. Services provided include: Pick-up at point of release; intake and needs assessment; individualized re-entry Plan of Care; transportation to register with the Sheriff's Office and report to probation; emergency clothing, food, and hygiene items; referral to local food pantries, community clinics, and counseling centers; mentoring; job readiness training; job referral; housing program for more than fifty REAP participants. Over the past three years, we have provided services to more than 550 participants, while achieving a success rate of approximately 90%. With this proposal, REAP plans to expand its services to Santa Rosa County to include opening a re-entry portal and transitional housing for 25 participants and all services as provided for Escambia County participants.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of CorrectionsState Agency contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	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)	300000	67.0 %
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	150,000	33 %
Other	00	0 %
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021</b>	<b>450,000</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		

9. **Is future-year funding likely to be requested?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 300,000



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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	Salary, Taxes & Benefits for the Director of Santa Rosa Portal	78,010
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salary, Taxes & Benefits for one Case Manager, Director of Housing and Employer Relations, and one Transportation Driver.	93,610
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Case Management and Client Services	128,380
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>		300,000



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#### 11. Program Performance

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

REAP's mission is to "improve the safety and quality of life in Northwest Florida by enabling individuals returning from incarceration to be self-sufficient, crime-free, productive citizens and neighbors". We expect to achieve a substantial reduction in the typical rates of recidivism and reduce the need for further incarceration of program participants, while saving Florida's taxpayers considerable expense. REAP's experience over the preceding four years has shown that REAP's Intensive Case Management Program results in a substantial increase in the number of successful re-entries. Funding of this program will duplicate the very successful REAP Program in Escambia County by expanding these services to include individuals returning to Santa Rosa County.

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

Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola, Inc. (REAP) provides a comprehensive program of transitional services starting with reception, then followed by formal intake and needs assessment; development of an individualized re-entry Plan of Care; emergency food, clothing, and hygiene items; transportation; mentoring; job coaching and job referral; transitional housing; as well as a crisis hotline service.

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

Transportation to scheduled/required appointments; transitional housing for more than fifty residents on a continually revolving basis; assistance in identification issues; emergency food, clothing, and hygiene items; job skills training; employability training; job referral; transportation to locations of employment; referrals for employment to more than twenty cooperating employers.

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

The target population consists of primarily men recently released from Florida state prisons, or who are under supervision/community control by the FDOC probation. Additionally, we will be offering similar services to individuals who could benefit from a monitored pre-trial release program or alternate disposition and/or sentencing alternatives.

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

REAP expects to achieve a substantial reduction in the typical rates of recidivism to below 15%, as measured two years after release. REAP's experience has shown that the two most important elements in a successful re-entry are stabilized housing and a regular job

##### 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?

Penalties may include monetary penalties or program reduction, if desired levels of achievement in specific categories are not met.



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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.

n/a

13. Requestor Contact Information

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- c. Organization Type
- ☐ For-profit Entity
  - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (3)
  - ☐ Non-Profit 501(c) (4)
  - ☐ Local Entity
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