



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1532

1. **Project Title** Connecting Everyone with Second Chances (CESC)2. **Senate Sponsor** Bill Montford3. **Date of Request** 11/20/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Connecting Everyone with Second Chances (CESC) operates the Kearney Center, which provides emergency shelter and wrap-around services (including meals, job training and placement, free telemedicine and dental services, case management, etc.). Services will be provided to residents of Leon and 8 surrounding counties. During the past year, 501 clients came from outside the region and 137 clients self-reported their situation as directly attributable to Hurricane Michael or other natural disasters. This initiative will provide shelter and wrap-around services to approximately 400 clients primarily from the northwest Florida region (average 50 nights at \$31/night per person); provides for two case managers to place clients in housing and create a diversion program to assist clients from outside the region with support systems closer to home. This diversion program is expected to accelerate the speed to permanent housing and reduce operational costs at the Kearney Center.

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	716,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	716,000

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)	716,000	17.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	102,448	2 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	220,000	5 %
Other	3,281,015	76 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	4,319,463	100 %

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		
2019-20	00	1,000,000	348	Yes

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 500,000



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Other Salary and Benefits		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Two case managers to assist clients find housing, jobs, and other support services (the second case manager will develop a diversion program and assist clients from surrounding counties find services and support in their home area).	96,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Shelter and wrap-around services such as food, medicines, boots/clothing for work, personal hygiene items, medical and dental care to approximately 400 clients nightly from outside of Leon County. Case managers will work to place individuals in long-term shelter and develop a diversion program to reduce the number of clients from outside Leon County.	620,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		<input style="width: 90%;" type="text"/>
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		716,000



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11. Program Performance

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

While the CESC was designed to serve an 8-county region, this past year 501 clients, or 21% of those served came from outside this region (including 100 who directly attribute their circumstance to Hurricane Michael, although impact is undoubtedly higher. The initiative will provide shelter and wrap-around services to approximately 400 clients from outside Leon county (average of 50 nights at \$31 per night per person), will provide for two case managers to assist clients return to permanent housing and creating and implement a diversion program to work with nonprofits in home areas provide options and use Kearney Center only as a last resort.

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

From the funds, \$620,000 will support the cost of providing direct services including shelter, food, medical and dental services and \$96,000 will cover the cost of two case managers. The case managers will assist clients with finding housing and in developing a diversion program to determine assets in surrounding counties to reduce the costs at the Kearney Center. Diversion is a strategy that prevents homelessness for people seeking shelter by helping them identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing. Diversion programs can reduce the number of families becoming homeless, the demand for shelter beds, and the size of program wait lists.

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

The funds will be used for shelter, food, job training and placement, medical and dental services. Some funds in the diversion process may be used for eligible financial assistance such as payment for background and credit checks; landlord fees; move-in costs (including deposit and first months rent; cost of moving truck; storage); utility deposits and payment arrears; previous housing debt/rental arrears; transportation (including bus tickets for both local transportation and relocation); grocery card; interpreter costs; fees for assistance securing ID's, birth certificates, social security cards; certifications/license fees related to school or employment; work or education related assistance; and other types of financial costs that will help the family obtain housing.

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

The target population consists of homeless individuals. We serve 1700 clients annually. The funds would be to assist individuals in surrounding counties, especially clients from counties impacted by Hurricane Michael which are outside our service delivery area. Last year, we served 501 such persons (approximately 20% of our annual count). We reduced this estimate for next year to 400 persons, although in the past 5 years there has been a rolling 8.1% increase in those served. We're optimistic that as nonprofits to the west of us rebuild, our services will be needed less. The diversion case managers would prioritize efforts to assist clients from outside of Leon to assist in finding support services closer to home.

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

The local Continuum of Care (COC) has required reporting metrics. We will also build a metric to track the cost benefit of diversion. In King County in the state of Washington and other innovative places throughout the country, diversion has both reduced costs and led to clients finding permanent housing faster than if they had entered programming at the emergency shelter.

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?

Standard contract penalties for failing to meet deliverables and performance measures are adequate.



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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

- 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.