



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2386

1. **Project Title** Ready4Work - Re-Entry Program2. **Senate Sponsor** Keith Perry3. **Date of Request** 01/09/20204. **Project/Program Description**

Operation New Hope provides re-entry services which includes: case management, mental health support, soft skills training, vocational training, job preparation training, and a dedicated job coach. Additional supportive services are available to Ready4Work clients such as: transportation assistance, transitional housing assistance, clothing assistance, medical/vision assistance, assistance to obtain vital documents, and allowance for work related clothing that may be necessary. In addition, we will provide pre-release counseling services for inmates nearing the end of their incarceration. We will serve individuals released from state facilities returning to Duval, St Johns, Clay, Leon, Nassau, Gadsden, Wakulla and Jefferson counties as well as individuals being released from County jails.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1500000	77.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	450,000	23 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	1,950,000	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	1,225,000	1,000,000	745	No

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

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year. 1,500,000



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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		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Program expenses to provide services to clients such as training, housing, transportation, employment services.	1,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
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)		1,500,000



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11. Program Performance

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

Operation New Hope will deliver of our nationally-recognized, reentry services to specific locations which will decrease the States costs, while continuing to increase public safety through reduced recidivism. In conjunction with the State's ongoing First Step criminal justice reform aimed at reducing prison populations, Operation New Hope will feature reentry services as the strategy required to: slash incarceration costs, address the lack of available reentry services, reduce the unemployment rate for the formerly incarcerated, increase the number of available skilled workers, treat substance abuse and addiction, break the cycle of poverty, lower recidivism rates, and correct coercive mobility. The Florida Department of Corrections reports a 3-year recidivism rate of 24.5%. Our Ready4Work program reports a 3-year recidivism rate for the same cohort of 8.64%. We are saving taxpayers millions of dollars by avoiding repeated cost of incarceration and lost tax revenue.

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

Services include: case management, mental health support, soft skills training, vocational training, job preparation training, and a dedicated job coach. Additional supportive services are available to Ready4Work clients such as: transportation assistance, transitional housing assistance, clothing assistance, medical / vision assistance, assistance to obtain vital documents, and allowance for work related clothing that may be necessary. Pre-release counseling will be provided to those nearing the end of their incarceration to prepare them for re-entry.

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

Implementing a comprehensive 4-pronged approach (case management, supportive services, job training, and job placement assistance), our Ready4Work reentry program ensures each client succeeds. Our clients can receive up to \$5,000 in supportive services and earned incentives while enrolled in the program, including transitional housing and transportation. We also work with post-secondary educational institutions to address the skills gap of employment needs and offer vocational training to provide our clients with a competitive edge that leads to living wage employment. In addition to our Ready4Work program, Operation New Hope successfully delivers Ready4Release pre-release services to 20 prisons. Our dedicated pre-release team targets potential Ready4Work clients prior to release from incarceration further ensuring successful reentry through: developing a plan of care and needs assessment process as well as connecting inmates to local services

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

Jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, currently or formerly incarcerated persons, justice-involved drug offenders. We will serve approximately 340 post release individuals.

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

The expected outcomes are to enable returning citizens to become stable, learn life and job skills that will enable them to find employment that will allow them to be self supporting thereby reducing recidivism. All of our data is managed in the ETO software (by Social Solutions). Measurements are based off: career development graduation, job placement, job retention, average salary, recidivism.

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 consequences for late submission of required reports.



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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.