



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1236

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

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 reentry participants returning to PBC. The Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative, established in 2011, is a comprehensive model for reentry designed to reduce recidivism by identifying needs, providing targeted evidence-based programs, and coordinating pre- and post-release services to assist individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community. The project will focus on: 1) pre-release case management and skill building for people housed at the Sago Palm Reentry Center in Pahokee, FL; 2) post release case management provided by three contracted community service providers; 3) supportive services (job placement, access to drug-free housing, job skills training, work boots/supplies, etc.) to ensure a successful transition to their community after they are released.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds
- State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	500,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	500,000	33%
Matching Funds		
Federal	181,481	12%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	269,918	18%
Local	568,570	37%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,519,969	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	500,000	715	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested?

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

Palm Beach County is the recipient of CARES US Treasury funds in the amount of \$261 million dollars. Funding was used for emergency assistance, mortgage assistance, business grants, COVID 19 sheltering, testing, and isolation and emergency personnel.

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Funds will be used to provide reentry case management and support services by qualified case managers through three 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/mental health assessments and transitional housing.	500,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		500,000

12. Program Performance

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

Palm Beach County (PBC) in collaboration with the Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) and community-based reentry partners seeks to provide reentry participants with tools to become a contributing member of the community, stay out of jail or prison and stay on the path for a better life. By keeping our re-arrest rate below 7% we strive for increased public safety.

The Regional and State Transitional Offender Reentry (RESTORE) Initiative, established in 2011, is a comprehensive model for reentry designed to reduce recidivism by identifying needs, providing targeted evidence-based programs, and coordinating pre- and post-release services to assist individuals transitioning from incarceration to the community.

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



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All reentry staff will be sufficiently trained in the following areas; motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral interventions, Level of Service Inventory revised assessment amongst others. In addition, staff will meet monthly with County staff to discuss relevant data, progress, resources, and barriers and provide any additional trainings. Palm Beach County's Reentry Task Force guides the reentry initiatives through quarterly meetings, voting and advisory with stakeholders who include the Public Defender, State Attorney, local judges, mental health providers, returning citizens, community based agencies, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, the local sheriff's office and other stakeholders. The Task Force is comprised of six sub committees that focus on the effective implementation and best practices of programming and service delivery. We utilize data gathered from our information management system to guide our decision making.

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

Individuals housed at Sago Palm Reentry Center will receive case management in addition to a wide variety of vocational training and life skills. Prior to any services being delivered, coordinators will administer the LSI-r assessment to determine their risk, needs and protective factors, which will guide their plan of care. Pre-release coordinators will facilitate job readiness classes, CDL and Forklift training and certification. Individuals will also be linked with their post release case manager for a minimum of 180 days prior to release to begin to develop their plan of care and ensure a smooth transition back into the community. Once an individual is released back into the community case managers will re-evaluate their assessment and discuss the plan of care. For individuals being released from all other FDC facilities in Florida, case managers provide outreach up to 180 days prior to their release to discuss reentry services.

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 people, 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 people being released from FDC, and people 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 increase in public safety, a safer community, cost savings on a local and state level, continued reduction in recidivism and an overall improvement in the quality of life for those returning to our community. Outcomes will be measured by capturing data regarding rearrests, reconviction and return to FDC rates. Data collection and analysis will be evaluated on a regular basis to ensure adequate oversight and compliance.

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 the contract?

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

13. 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



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14. Requestor Contact Information

a. First Name Last Name

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number Ext.

15. 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) Unit of local government

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number

16. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number