



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1289

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

**4. Project/Program Description**

To provide re-entry services which includes both pre-release and post-release services. On the pre-release side, the Operation New Hope (ONH) Ready4Release program meets with inmates to formalize a release plan. On the post-release side, the ONH Ready4Work program provides: case management, mental health support, soft skills training, vocational training, job preparation training, and a dedicated job coach. Additional supportive services are available such as: transportation, transitional housing assistance, clothing assistance, medical /vision assistance, assistance to obtain vital documents, and allowance for work related clothing that may be necessary. The program's success is measured by a 3 year 8.64% recidivism rate compared to FDOC's recidivism rate of 24.5%.

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	1,500,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>

**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)	1,500,000	38%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,225,000	32%
Local	0	0%
Other	1,150,000	30%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>3,875,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?**

Fiscal Year (YYYY-YY)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	1,225,000	1,500,000	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.**

If not state funding, Operation New Hope would have to rely on private contributions from donors to meet the needs of our program participants.

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



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Yes

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

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Funds in the amount of \$409,600 was received and used to keep employees on payroll. With the PPP funds we were able to keep all employees working and serving our clients in need.

**11. 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		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	This represents Program Cost to provide re-entry services to incarcerated individuals both pre and post-release. The goal of the ONH focused re-entry programs is to provide job placement for the most difficult to employ thereby reducing recidivism for the State of Florida. The funding includes a 18% indirect cost to support staff travel, facilities expense, and training and related equipment.	1,500,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>

**12. 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?**

Pre-release direct services include: face to face release management planning, follow-up meetings with inmates to continue to work the release plan, and coordination of housing prior to release.  
Post-release direct services include assistance and funding for: housing, transportation, medical, vital documents, and clothing/work attire. In addition, post-release direct services include full-time gainful wage employment through job training, case management, substance abuse treatment, and mental health support.

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



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Implementing a comprehensive 4-pronged approach (case management, supportive services, job training, and job placement assistance), our Ready4Work post-release program ensures each client succeeds. Our clients can receive up to \$5,000 in supportive services and earned incentives while enrolled in the program. This includes transitional housing and transportation services. 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 17 prisons. Our dedicated pre-release team meets face to face with inmates prior to release to create individualized release plans for a successful transition back to the community.

**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 and justice-involved drug offenders. We will anticipate serving approximately 400-500 pre-release inmates and 250-325 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 citizens returning to the community to be stable, with improved life and job skills. This will enable them to find employment, become self supporting and reduce recidivism rates. All of our data is managed in the Efforts to Outcomes software (by Social Solutions). Measurements are based on: career development graduation, job placement, job retention, average salary, and 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 the contract?**

Financial consequences for late submission of required reports.

**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.**

no



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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)

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