



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1404

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

4. Project/Program Description

The Transition to Community Employment & Life is a continuation of a very successful project which provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) employment training and opportunities to participate in inclusive community activities which leads to great self-sufficiency and independence. This demonstration project will continue to implement best practices of community employment models that address new federal mandates to transition individuals with IDD and mental illness from facility-based programs to inclusive settings, while providing enriching educational inclusion opportunities to enhance connectedness and integration within the community. Community partnership and expansion will lead to increased internships (paid/unpaid), meaningful employment-related and enriching day activities.

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	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	300,000

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)	300,000	100%
Matching Funds		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	300,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	0	300,000	248	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.

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.

PPP Loan - provided support for staff salaries and benefits during the closure of many Arc services and programs, total received \$1,239,900.
CARES Act Provider Relief - \$764,622, continue staffing and operational costs.

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	Project consultant provides best practices employment models and compiles project data for final report.	36,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	(1) Transition Specialist (2) Transition Coaches (1) Community Integration Coordinator (3) Community Navigators	264,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		300,000

12. Program Performance

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

The specific purpose to be achieved by the funds is to continue developing service-delivery models for individuals with IDD, and/or mental health disorders, where such individuals will be more immersed in meaningful community life via innovative community employment opportunities. Successful employment outcomes leads to increased self-sufficiency and reduced reliance on state funded services and supports. The main goal for the target population is to have more inclusive transition services that increase their sense of civic duties and contribute to reversing their historical dismal employment and community inclusion outcomes.

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

The project will utilize national and evidence-based best practices in transforming current service-delivery systems related to employment services, cultural enrichment, and adult day training for the target population. Program evaluations, revamping of current programs/services and internal organizational systems, and continued research of best practices will be implemented. Identification of emerging needs and sub-populations will occur to further improve employment and community life outcomes. Development of enterprises and social enterprises, innovative community employment opportunities (small work groups) as well as expanded community partnership building for internship opportunities (paid/unpaid) will improve.

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



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Citizens of this project will receive the following direct services: mental health/well-being services, enriching cultural experiences within the community, self-determination, work readiness training within the community, job development services, community and independent living education, access and education to increase economic self-sufficiency, and experiential learning opportunities. Services are person-centered.

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

The target population is individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) and/or persons with mental health disorders. Therefore, this population includes economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals, unemployed individuals and those with confounding disabilities (i.e. physical, mental health, etc.). The project is expected to serve 120 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 benefits of this project are to demonstrate that increased and meaningful community inclusion, either for work readiness training or educational-based adult day training, can significantly improve the quality of life for the target population. Arc is one of the largest service providers in Northeast Florida and is leading transformation of service delivery to meet federal mandates. This project will ensure competitive integrated employment within Arc's enterprise(s) and community employment (small groups). Arc will create a report where similar organizations within the state can have a replicable model. An online software will be used to track specific outcomes of services and target populations goals via objective assessments.

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?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, unacceptable performance, or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the contract.

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)

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