



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 1743

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

4. Project/Program Description

In support of the State of Florida's strategies to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida's prison population in order to sustain cost reductions, Ready4Work-Hillsborough (R4W-H) is requesting additional funds to cover its existing annual funding shortfall, serve more returning citizens, and add the direct client service of basic computer literacy training which provides essential skills that are critical in today's society and workplace.

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	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	1,000,000	67%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022	1,500,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	1,000,000	400,000	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?

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



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Yes. The entity received \$179,936.75 in Payroll Protections Program (PPP)/Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds through the Small Business Administration (SBA). These funds were used to maintain personnel during the safer-at-home orders and during months where the state's funds had been exhausted. An SBA loan in the amount of \$150,000 was also attained to aid in ongoing cash flow of operations.

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	These funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including transitional housing, case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching, family reunification/support, and job placement assistance.	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?

R4W-H supports the State of Florida's strategies to reduce incarceration costs, and to reduce Florida's prison population in order to sustain cost reductions. R4W-H's goal is to generate returns on investment not only by reducing recidivism, but also by reducing crime, and breaking cycles of hopelessness. R4W-H's approach through comprehensive reentry services and employment reduces crime, provides job and economic development, and helps to foster self-sufficient members to society.

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

Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including transitional housing, case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching, family reunification/support, and job placement assistance.

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

Per existing proviso, these funds will provide a pre-release needs assessment, a plan-of-care, and referrals for incarcerated participants. Ready4Work-Hillsborough will primarily provide post-release services including transitional housing, case management, career development and essential life skills training, life-coaching, family reunification/support, and job placement assistance. Funds will also provide funding for basic computer literacy training which provides essential skills that are critical in today's society and workplace.

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



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Offenders under Department of Corrections' community supervision and formerly incarcerated inmates (no more than three (3) years post-release) returning to Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, or Polk counties. We expect to serve 100-150 people.

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

- 1) Improve physical & mental health - Participants will attain public healthcare coverage or through their employer; and receive a mental health assessment.
- 2) Reduce Substance Abuse - Participant will receive a substance abuse assessment.
- 3) Protect the general public from harm, divert from criminal/juvenile justice system, & reduce recidivism - Formerly incarcerated citizens that are engaged, employed, and empowered are less likely to commit crimes and return to prison.
- 4) Increase & improve economic activity - Citizens returning to the community after incarceration will be employed.

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?

If the Contractor fails to meet respective performance standards, the department will impose financial consequences ranging from \$100-150, per participant who causes the deficiency. The department will assess financial consequences as a percentage of the fiscal year contract value, when compliance performance scores are less than 80% with additional consequences for repeat deficiencies.

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.

Not applicable.



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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