



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2058

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

4. Project/Program Description

We are asking for funds to expand our program in the Pinellas County Jail & develop the curriculum to be used statewide. In the last decade, the number of women in local jails or state prisons raised by 750%. Most of them are mothers of minor children. Since 2012, we have taught approx 1000 women to understand the trauma (overwhelming or repeated stressors such as addiction & violence) that typically underlies their unhealthy choices so they can make better decisions in the future. Non-violent property crimes, prostitution, & drug offenses make up the bulk of their crimes. The tentacles of their incarceration have a far reach. 80% leave children at home to be cared for by family or state foster care system. They have a greater risk of homelessness upon release from jail. Without trauma-informed education, better choices are unlikely, resulting in them reoffending. Our program reduced recidivism by half the jail's current rate. We are not aware of any other program like it in Florida.

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	75,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	75,000

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)	75,000	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	75,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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	<p>This represents 50% of the cost of these needs. We will raise the other 50% through individual and institutional giving.</p> <p>1. Curriculum Consultant to develop the current teaching modules in a variety of ways. To truly be able to offer the program throughout the state and under all circumstances (ex: Covid-19 restrictions) we require three methods of delivery for the program; completely in-person, completely virtual and a hybrid of in-person and virtual.</p> <p>2. Professional Data Analyst firm to pro</p>	37,500
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	<p>This represents 50% of the cost of these needs. We will raise the other 50% through individual and institutional giving.</p> <p>Pinellas County Jail has given their approval to Red Tent to double classes at the jail due to the effectiveness and need for the program. There has been a constant waiting list, showing that the need is there and although voluntary, participation can be reliably expected. This amount is for the paid staff instructors as well as the training and management of volunteers r</p>	20,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	<p>1. Development of a state wide program that can be used throughout Florida will require:</p> <p>a. the use of software and other audio/visual equipment to create professional content and to insure program continuity in every location</p> <p>b. travel between target jails to discuss their readiness, evaluate the availability of proper classroom space, and cultivate local volunteers</p> <p>2. The expansion of classes at the Pinellas County Jail will require supplies, a computer, and specific software to teach the p</p>	10,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	<p>Third party manager (objective, external) to discover & eliminate any internal bias or potential risks in:</p> <p>a. pre-test intervention messages and materials to evaluate participant understanding and acceptance</p> <p>b. pilot testing of representatives of the priority population (women with multiple returns to incarceration)</p> <p>c. assessment, readiness, preparation, formative evaluation to refine the content prior to implementation</p> <p>d. Development of long term objectives, outcomes, and the logic model ba</p>	7,500
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0



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Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)

75,000

12. Program Performance

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

1. Double the number of women who attend the classes. Currently, we have been serving approximately 100 women per year. We anticipate serving 200 women in 2021.
2. Develop & standardize the curriculum and best practices from the previous 7 year's program offerings
3. Develop a training program to replicate our trauma informed program throughout the state in three different formats; exclusively in person, exclusively virtual, and a hybrid of in person and virtual
4. Equip the expanded facility in the Pinellas County Jail.
5. Provide a detailed compilation of data to support the hypothesis of what the women are learning and its relationship to recidivism

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

1. Red Tent classes at the Pinellas County Jail are comprised of 15 participants who attend class four hours per day, 3 days per week for at least 6 weeks, sometimes up to 6 months depending on their sentence (minimum total of 72 contact hours per woman). The jail has provided a larger facility to expand the classes so that we can serve two classes of 15 at the same time.
2. Standardization of curriculum based upon data collection (quantifying the inputs and outputs of the program): this process has multiple layers of complexity. The vision is that we will be creating a program that can be delivered for many years in the future with contingencies for such things as pandemics, potential local staff shortages, etc. In addition there will be a huge cost savings for communities who want a Red Tent Women's Initiative program in their community.

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

1. Counselor guided therapeutic discussion
2. Connection with others who can offer education, support, and mentoring
3. Hands on activities that encourage women to focus on projects meaningful to themselves
4. Mindfulness and life skills to improve their understanding of the traumatic events and situations that placed them at a higher risk for addiction and incarceration
5. Training & education leading women to build resilience and to understand the hope, the strength, and the essential support systems they will require once they are outside the facility to make it so they never enter the criminal justice system again.

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

The target population is women who are incarcerated at the Pinellas County Jail.. Pre Covid-19 we served approximately 100 women a year at this location and we foresee serving 200 women in 2021. The ability to package the curriculum and train other jails and prisons has unlimited potential and can then impact hundreds of jails, thousands of incarcerated citizens in Florida, and ultimately the lives of millions of Floridians who are impacted in many ways from the incarceration of women in their communities.

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

1. The base expected outcome for the program is that participants will never be involved in the criminal justice system again. This will be measured through the standard recidivism rate.
2. Curriculum must be enhanced around this goal, and we must obtain and analyze the data so there is a definitive, consistent process to achieve it.
3. The women will be assessed three times while in the program and in follow up conversations after their release to see the impact of the training on these expected results:a. Increased life quality, family engagement, positive connection to the community, physical and mental health b. Decreased drug and alcohol use, homelessness, risk behaviors that lead to criminal involvement, and sexually reactive behaviors
4. Data will be collected and compared from reliable sources on these expected results:a. Increased employability b. Decreased poverty and violence in the home
5. There is no known data on the financial cost to society by incarceration of wo



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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?

Red Tent Women's Initiative is willing to work with the Legislature to identify a course of action that would satisfy the Legislature's mandate to be good stewards of the state's funds, including but not limited to, returning a pro-rated portion of the funds if we are unable to serve the intended number of women (200 annually) in the Pinellas County Jail.

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.

None



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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