



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2021-2022

LFIR # 2122

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

## 4. Project/Program Description

Our mission is to ensure that individuals with disabilities in Palm Beach County have the best environment in which to learn, work, and live. The program enables the individuals to become as vocationally independent as possible. The Scope of Work that is provided under this grant assists adults with disabilities to reach their highest level of independence. Vocational Training and Supported Employment are the two critical services provided with this funding.

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	225,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>225,000</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)	225,000	100%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	0	0%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2021-2022</b>	<b>225,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding? 

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2020-21	225,000	0	35	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?

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



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#### 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		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	\$225,000 will fund Employment Specialist's, instructors, and support staff to provide programmatic instruction, pre-vocational and vocational training and Supported Employment follow along for people with disabilities.	225,000
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>225,000</b>

#### 12. Program Performance

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

The Scope of Work being provided under this grant is to assist adults with disabilities to become as vocationally independent as possible using the following training methodologies: on campus vocational training; community based Supported Employment, and adult training activities. Services are provided to adults with significant disabilities in order to increase their level of independence and integration in their community. At a cost of \$104 per month per person served, the program works with clients on an annual basis, and grant dollars only flow if the individual meets or exceeds his/her goals.

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

Vocational Training and Supported Employment are the two critical services provided with this funding. Vocational Training prepares people for employment, and supported employment coaching provides on-going training and support to individuals in community employment. Training and coaching is individualized and may include assistance with attire, transportation, communication skills and timeliness. These programs also teach hard skills in industries such information technology, janitorial, food service, retail, warehouse work, child care workers, and grounds keeping. Employers benefit by hiring and retaining trained and supported employees.

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

Many of the adults served at the Palm Beach Habilitation Center require ongoing supports to maintain their jobs or to learn pre-employment and community living skills. The Adults with Disabilities funding allows the Center to provide long term Supported Employment services to 60 individuals who are either on the Medicaid Waiver wait list or are not eligible for state funded programs. This service assists us in maintaining an 92% job retention rate for these individuals which eliminates the need for them to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Additionally, the Center provides pre-employment and community living skills to 138 individuals whose personal objective is other than community employment due to their age or need for additional supports and supervision beyond what is available in a community work setting.

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



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The Adults with Disabilities Program is focused on increasing the capabilities and skills of 180 individuals with who have physical or mental disabilities with the goal of enhancing their independence, employment and/or community integration. In the time since the program was established, thousands of individuals have achieved levels of sufficiency and become working members of the community.

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

The following outcome measures will be used to monitor program outcomes and return on investment. Each grant recipient will be expected to track each of the following outcome measures based on their unique program designs. Vocational Employment Supports and Training participants will select an appropriate job goal and identify two short term objectives within 30 days of entering the program or each program year. An expected outcome is improving quality of education, with the following measure: 90% of those served will meet their Individual Educational Goals based on quarterly reporting of progress on goals. 80% of the program participants will successfully complete both short term objectives identified through their Individual Employment Plan. 80% of the participants employed in the community earning minimum wage or above will maintain continuous employment status. (Job Retention is defined as not being unemployed for four or more consecutive weeks).

**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?**

Palm Beach Habilitation Center has met all performance measures for each program funded. If ever the Palm Beach Habilitation Center does not meet the expected performance measures a Corrective Action Plan should be given to the agency.

**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