



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1094

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

This program provides an intensive and responsive employment program. Upon completion of technical training, the program will respond to employer demand for work-ready talent across many occupations and industry sectors. Currently there is only one person serving as an intake coordinator, job coach, and community outreach coordinator. The funds requested would expand the program exponentially, providing better economic opportunities not only for the clients served but also the county and state.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

| Type of Funding | Amount |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Operations | 100,000 |
| Fixed Capital Outlay | 200,000 |
| Total State Funds Requested | 300,000 |

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (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 2022-2023 | 300,000 | 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.

Habilitation Center for the Handicapped (HabCenter) relies on donations/contributions from private individuals, local businesses, private foundations, and an annual event as well as revenue from two business enterprises; however, all sources have experienced a sharp decline due to effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

HabCenter received 2 PPP loans for salary support to continue to pay employees during a time when revenues were significantly lower. \$908,003 total for the 2 years.

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 | Training and supplies necessary for expanded community outreach and job coaching. Supplies and tools necessary to provide comprehensive behavioral and mental health services to ensure client success including technology and technology upgrades. | 100,000 |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study | | 0 |
| Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation: | | |
| Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering | The building was built in 1978 and needs critical renovations such as engineering, fire sprinklers, and AC upgrades; also adding workforce training classrooms and making administration renovations. | 200,000 |
| 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?

Comprehensive, individually tailored vocational training, supported employment, and support services that provide sufficient skills and knowledge to increase the capability of people with disabilities in areas of self-help, adaptive, and social skills to secure/maintain competitive jobs in the community.

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

Eligible clients will participate in workforce training to attain the skills necessary to increase employability for industry specific employers in the area. Most recent partners include: Publix, Fresh Market, HomeGoods, GMS Connect, and Advantage Solutions.

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

An employment specialist conducts an intake meeting with each client to determine the type of support that is needed. Support includes: resume writing, job search, job development, job coaching, interview skills, and mock interviewing. Other mental and behavioral health services for coping skills development.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, developmentally disabled persons, physically disabled persons, and victims of crime. 51-100 individuals served.

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



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be measured?

Improve mental health by increasing involvement in the community, decreased rates of isolation and loneliness; increase education through a vetting and training program to enable unemployed individuals to gain the abilities and workforce training to increase their employability for both the individual candidate and partner employers; and enhance clients economic stability by helping individuals to get placed in jobs in the community and retain their jobs and be employed at or above minimum wage. A review will be done quarterly by a job coach and community outreach coordinator with partner companies to ensure clients maintain jobs in the community and quarterly reporting of client wages to assure minimum wage requirement.

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?

Implementation of corrective action plan. Standard contract penalties are sufficient.

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.

Habilitation Center for the Handicapped (HabCenter).



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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