



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1112

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The HabCenter built in 1978 equips adults with disabilities with everything they need to lead productive lives. In 2015 PEAR project was developed to further this mission by addressing life skills, mental health, educational and recreational skills. With the funds requested we will make critical upgrades to the Center to continue to offer these services 5 days a week, 5 hours daily enabling families of clients to continue to work by providing a unique daytime care program for their loved ones.

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	0
Fixed Capital Outlay	350,000
Total State Funds Requested	350,000

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)	350,000	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	350,000	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 our annual event as well as revenue from our 2 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.

We 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		0
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 roof upgrades, AC & HVAC, engineering; impact windows and renovations of classrooms and recreation workshops.	350,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		350,000

12. Program Performance

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

In 2015 PEAR project was developed to further adopt a holistic and individualized approach to caring for the persons served. It focuses on various aspects to increase well-being and overall functioning. Activities address life skills, mental health, educational and recreational skills. Using trauma-informed care, staff members work collaboratively with the clients.

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

Education and life skills through reading and writing, arts and crafts, basic science to learn about the body, nature, weather, etc, recreation such as games, music, movies and exercise, and outdoor activities such as soccer, basketball, other sports and nature.

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

Improving their mental and behavioral health through involvement in the HabCenter PEAR project decreases rates of isolation and loneliness. mental health and behavioral counseling to cope with anger, anxiety, patience and confidence. Improving their quality of education by implementing reading and writing, functional math skills, smartphone and tablets course, history and culture class, life skills and basic functional science.

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, Physically disabled, 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?

Through PEAR project programming and data tracking of our clients in the program they will have the ability to express emotions, cope with anger and decrease anxiety; will demonstrate patience when frustrated and confidence when given a constructive comment. Also, through educational programs, they will increase conversation skills, ability to communicate effectively to their supervisors, will demonstrate the ability to try a new activity or work skill and communicate effectively to others when there is conflict.

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

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.

Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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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