



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1290

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

Project completion of building modifications to PARC's 45-year-old Community Life Skills Inclusion Center will open opportunities for 250-400 adults to participate in life skills and employment inclusion training programs. PARC's services continue to advance the state's Employment First Initiative to increase inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to seek competitive employment. PARC will provide significant supports and services to individuals with disabilities to remove barriers, providing opportunities for Job Exploration, Supported Employment, Training, On The Job Training, Pre-Employment and other experiences.

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	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested	1,500,000

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)	1,500,000	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	1,500,000	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.

PARC, Inc. relies on donations and contributions from private individuals, foundations, businesses and annual events. The donations contribute to the operating and other losses, but do not fill the gap. COVID-19 has further negatively impacted much needed funds.

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.

PARC received \$244,197 in Provider Relief Funds. This money was used to fund operating losses resulting from a significant reduction in revenues due to COVID.

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	To modify the current building to continue to provide life skills and employment training opportunities to current participants and then able to serve additional individuals currently on wait lists. A number of those on the wait list are due to COVID 19 related closure of local programs and services creating a larger wait list and need.	1,500,000
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,500,000

12. Program Performance

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

This capital project will focus on programs and opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to prepare for community employment. PARC's dedicated services include training, pre-employment, job search and work development opportunities. Trained staff and Community Coaches support the advancement of training and employment with community business partners and employers.

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

This capital project will focus on services for individuals with developmental disabilities. PARC has capacity for 250 to 400 participants to experience opportunities for employment training and increase access in the community. Services are delivered in a true work environment accepted by industry standards. PARC aligns with partners to offer customized employment and other life skills supports.

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

PARC offers a large array of individualized opportunities designed to prepare individuals for community employment and inclusive experiences. PARC's dedicated services include training, pre-employment, vocational exploration, and work development opportunities. Trained staff and Community Coaches support the advancement of training and employment with community business partners and employers. Other services and programs include Financial Literacy, PARC in Bloom Horticulture, PARC Center Industries production, Food Safety, Healthy Living and Communication and Social competencies...

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



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Individuals with disabilities and intellectual and developmental disabilities are served. The capacity is 250 to 400 adults on-site with additional persons served in supported employment. With completion of this project, those currently on wait lists or seeking PARC's services will be able to be served.

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

Increased opportunity and additional participant enrollment for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities for easier access to training and supports. PARC promotes meaningful inclusion of all individuals with disabilities. To increase the experiences for individuals underserved and advocate for all to reach their fullest potential. PARC will work together to prepare potential employees to fulfill the needs of employers. Data to include community and business collaborations and employment outcomes. To enhance specific individual's economic self-sufficiency: Increased opportunity for training and inclusion is associated with improved quality of life, health, and social success. PARC will track data on participant enrollment, participation, referral source (Agency for Persons with Disabilities, Department of Education Division of Vocational Rehabilitation).

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?

After diligent resolution of problem or issues, reduction or loss of funding and contract.

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.

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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