



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 1292

1. Project Title Arc Jacksonville Transition to Community Employment & Life Skills

2. Senate Sponsor Aaron Bean

3. Date of Request 11/13/2021

4. Project/Program Description

The Transition to Community Employment and Life Skills project is a continuation of a project that has resulted in expanded community employment and social integration for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental illness. This project will continue to implement best practices of developing community employment models that address state and federal goals, while providing enriching educational inclusive opportunities to enhance connectedness and integration within the community. The Arc Jacksonville will cultivate new business partnerships which will provide on-the-job training and permanent employment, leading to improved self-sufficiency for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	300,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
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? Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2021-22	0	300,000	242	No

9. Is future funding likely to be requested? No

a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.

b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.

Optional funding source is not available

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.

PPP - 1,239,900 - staff salaries, benefits utilities
PPP Second - 1,175,940 - staff salaries, benefits, utilities

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	Salaries and benefits for 5 staff positions	264,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Consultant will provide best practices employment models, training, and maintain and report project data	36,000
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		0
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?

The specific purpose to be achieved by funds requested is to transition service-delivery models for individuals with intellectual, developmental and/or mental disorders, where such individuals will be more immersed in meaningful community life via innovative community employment opportunities and access to the community, so that the target population can lead fulfilling, productive, contributing, and satisfactory lives. The main goal is for the target population to have more inclusive and experiential transition services that increase their sense of civic duty and contribute to reversing their historical dismal employment and community inclusion outcomes.

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

The project will use national evidence-based best practices in transforming current service-delivery systems related to employment services, cultural enrichment, and adult day training for the target population. Program evaluations, revamping of programs/services and internal organizational systems, and continued research of best practices will be implemented. Identification of emerging needs and sub-populations will occur to further improve employment and community life outcomes. Development of innovative community opportunities (small work groups) as well as expanded community partnership building for internships (paid/unpaid) will improve quality of life for a historically economically disadvantaged population.

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

Citizens of this project will receive the following direct services: mental health/well-being services, enriching cultural experiences within the community, self-determination, work readiness training, job development services, community and independent living education, access and education to increase economic self-sufficiency, and experiential learning opportunities. All services are person-centered.

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



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The target population are individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or persons with mental health disorders. Therefore, this population includes economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised individuals, unemployed individuals, and those with confounding disabilities (i.e., physical, mental health, etc.). The project is expected to serve 100 individuals.

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

The expected benefit of this project is to demonstrate that increased and meaningful community inclusion either for work readiness training or functional based adult day training can significantly improve the quality of life for the target population. This project will focus on creating job opportunities which provide at least minimum wages and are consistent with the career goals of the participating individuals. In addition, the expansion of business partners for on-the-job training and eventual employment will create community inclusive options which offer greater self-sufficiency.

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?

Corrective action plans and/or financial consequences will be required for noncompliance, nonperformance, unacceptable performance, or failure to meet the minimum level of service or performance under the 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.

not applicable



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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