



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023

LFIR # 2356

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

High school diplomas to incarcerated individuals. Florida Cares has developed a program that is tailored to incarcerated students who lack the necessary technology requirements due to incarceration by offering a correspondence off line program where Florida Cares Charity Corp. will print course materials, proctor exams, and facilitate a graduation in partnership with Citizens High School which is recognized by the Florida Department of Education and includes subject-matter experts and state-certified faculty members assigned for assistance.

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                         | 101,038        |
| Fixed Capital Outlay               | 0              |
| <b>Total State Funds Requested</b> | <b>101,038</b> |

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)       | 101,038        | 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 2022-2023</b> | <b>101,038</b> | <b>100%</b> |

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

| Fiscal Year<br>(yyyy-yy) | Amount    |              | Specific<br>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.

10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?



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

#### 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                                | Costs of printing materials. Each student will have 18 credit classes to take with a book and workbook. The total number of pages to be printed is approximately 7,288 pages. This amounts to 1 1/2 cases of paper at an estimated expense of \$37.50 plus printing per page of approximately .01 cent per page for a total of \$72.88 to print. This amounts to a grand total of \$110.38 per student.                                     | 11,038         |
| Consultants/Contracted Services/Study                                  | Citizens High School shall receive \$50 per student per class. 18 credits are required for a total of \$900.00 per student. Citizens High School is a fully accredited high school with a program designed to provide a full high school diploma, not a GED. CHS is registered as a private high school in Florida and operates in compliance with Florida Statutes requiring the yearly completion of the Florida Department of Education. | 90,000         |
| <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>101,038</b> |

#### 12. Program Performance

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

High School Diplomas to incarcerated individuals.

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

Florida Cares has developed a program that is tailored to incarcerated students who lack the necessary technology requirements due to incarceration by offering a correspondence off line program where Florida Cares Charity Corp. will print course materials, proctor exams, and facilitate a graduation in partnership with Citizens High School which is recognized by the Florida Department of Education and includes subject-matter experts and state-certified faculty members assigned for assistance.

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

Citizens who volunteer with Florida Cares will facilitate the program by serving as a conduit between the incarcerated individual and CHS by delivering course materials to incarcerated individuals, proctoring midterm exams, proctoring final exams and hosting graduation ceremonies.

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



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People incarcerated within the Florida Department of Corrections. According to FDC there are currently approximately 53,000 incarcerated people who do not have a high school education or GED of which approximately 52,000 are over the age of 21. Florida Cares seeks to educate this portion of the incarcerated to decrease violence while incarcerated and increase their chances of employability upon release thus reducing recidivism.

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

FDC along with numerous voters and legislators have spoken before the legislature on the need to educate incarcerated individuals. Additionally, studies show incarcerated people who participate in correctional education programs had a 43% lower recidivism rate than those who did not. See study by Rand Corporation.  
[https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RR266.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RR266.html)

**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?**

Failing to meet deliverables would result in the repayment of funds to the State.

**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.**

No.



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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