



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2024-2025

LFIR # 1599

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Unite Us software will support the MDC Reentry team with connecting soon to be released inmates to various community-based services such as employment placement, mental and substance abuse treatment, and basic needs prior to their release. The platform is used by multiple reentry-focused organizations and allows for case coordination/management, referrals, and follow-up. The tablets and air cards will eliminate the paper forms used to conduct reintegration planning with inmates.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?  Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	241,657
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>241,657</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	241,657	50%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	241,657	50%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025</b>	<b>483,314</b>	<b>100%</b>

8. Has this project previously received state funding?  No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

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.

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

Yes



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

Miami-Dade County received \$2,608,188,975.73 to provide financial aid to, among others, small businesses, veterans, senior meals, restaurants, hotel workers, first responders, landlords, low-income tenants, nonprofits, and day care centers; county services and also direct distributions to Miami-Dade municipalities.

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

- Planning    
  Design    
  Construction    
  N/A

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

No

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List 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.

### 13. 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	1-Unite Us Software, 40-Licenses, 88-Laptops, 114- Air cards, 35- Tablets, 3- Laptop Cart/Storage, 3- Tablet Cart/Storage, 3-Recording Musical Labs	241,657
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<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>241,657</b>

### 14. Program Performance

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

Unite Us is a software that will be used for Reentry Counselors to connect and support the incarcerated individuals with external services upon their release.



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

With the purchase of Unite Us, MDCR will be able to coordinate social services virtually. The program has a case management component that will be instrumental in tracking inmates (sentenced and un-sentenced), allowing reentry staff to identify emerging issues and needs that, when addressed, will increase reintegration success.

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

MDCR's Reentry Counselors will be able to connect inmates to a myriad of critical community-based services that include mental health services, employment, and educational services while in custody in anticipation of their release. The programs and services aim to reduce the opportunity of committing a crime and support recidivism reduction through education opportunities and workforce development.

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

Currently or formerly incarcerated persons. Approximately 201-400 of individuals in population are expected 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?**

This project is aligned with MDCR's mission statement, our primary focus is to enhance individuals' skills and strategies for a successful return to their families and communities. The methodology of the outcome is offering a comprehensive range of services, collaborating with external partners, and instilling a sense of responsibility and accountability while striving to create a safer community for all.

**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?**

Failure to meet deliverables will result in nonpayment.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

**a. First Name**  **Last Name**

**b. Organization**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**  **Ext.**

**16. 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)



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d. First Name  Last Name   
e. E-mail Address   
f. Phone Number

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name   
b. Firm Name   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number