



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

LFIR # 2102

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

The Project is designed to fund the FDC's implementation of HB 147 the Certified Recovery Peer Specialist program passed in 2023. It will provide educational training and on-the-job work experience during their incarceration, meet all requirements for certification; and eventually place them in employment as CRPS professionals upon release to the community post-incarceration. The program is a recovery oriented, career-track educational opportunity for employment.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	1,200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
Total State Funds Requested	1,200,000

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	1,200,000	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 2025-2026	1,200,000	100%

8. Has this project previously received state funding?

If yes, provide the most recent instance:

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		
2024-25	1,000,000	0		Yes

9. Is future-year 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.

Unknown - but federal grant funds may be sought to supplement the employment training and placement components.

Complete questions 10 and 11 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects



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10. 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)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

e. What funding stream will be used for ongoing operations and maintenance of the project?

11. 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.

12. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Project Coordinator - manages coordination with Department; develops program training curriculum, coordinates with FL certification bodies for adherence to training requirements; supervises Project staff; responsible for data collection and reporting; as well as, manages external relationships for job placement functions for program participants upon their release from incarceration.	130,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Benefit management, employee assistance, training infrastructure for all program staff.	17,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computer equipment; supplies for Project Coordinator; pro-ration of office space use for Project Coordinator; and, Travel Expenses across regions to provide oversight, staff supervision, and identifying/managing job placement contracts.	27,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Project Consultant for Evaluation of Performance/Outcome Measures and Corporate Administrative Overhead Support for Project all HR, IS, Finance and Administrative support including payroll operations, I.T. support services including training, technical assistance support, supply management, payables, purchasing and risk management/legal.	161,164
Operational Costs		
Salary and Benefits	Project Staff - Wages and Benefits at 30% of wage total: Peer Recovery Training Supervisor: \$85,000; Training Instructors (3 FTEs @ \$65,000 ea.): \$195,000; Post-Release Employment Specialist (3 FTEs @ \$65,000 ea.): \$195,000; and, Total Fringe Benefits @ 30% for all 7 FTEs: \$142,500.	617,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Supplies & Equipment (computers, office supplies, etc.) @ \$7305/employee: \$51,136; Travel Expenses to/from training institutions on a daily basis for Trainers while training cohort is underway; Employment Specialists will be leased vehicles to seek out employment opportunities, with possible overnight travel reimbursement required as staff cover an entire region. Anticipate \$1,000/month/FTE	147,136



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Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Participant Stipend (\$1,000/participant for certification testing fees, and reentry expenses associated with job placement, such as clothing, etc.); Anticipate 100 participants through the program in Year One, for a total expense line of \$100,000	100,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		1,200,000

13. Program Performance

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

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

Funding will be used for planning and implementation of the project, including, 1) Program design, staff hiring/training; 2) Eligibility, Screening and Enrollment of inmates into the CRPS Training Program; 3) Educational Training; 4) In-Prison Internship jobs ; 5) Certification Testing; and, 6) job placement assistance post-release from incarceration.

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

Through the implementation of the project, more inmates will receive mental health and substance abuse services due to the certification of Certified Recovery Peer Specialists. More treatment translates into greater inmate stability and reduces recidivism once they are released. The trained CRPS will be able to provide similar mental health and substance abuse treatment in the community.

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

Inmates who have completed identified substance use treatment programs while incarcerated.
We anticipate serving between 100 and 200 persons per year.

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

Through the implementation of the project, more inmates will receive mental health and substance abuse services due to the certification of Certified Recovery Peer Specialists. More treatment translates into greater inmate stability and reduces recidivism once released. In addition the trained CRPS will be able to provide similar mental health and substance abuse treatment in the community.

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 in the contract?

If vendor does not meet deliverables or performance measures established for this project, it is recommended that they return unused funds and whatever penalties or corrective activities imposed by Dept of Corrections.

14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster? ☐ No

a. If Yes, what phase best describes the project?

- ☐ Mitigation (reducing or eliminating potential loss of life or property)
- ☐ Response (addressing the immediate and short-term effects of a natural disaster)
- ☐ Recovery (assisting communities return to normal operations, including rebuilding damaged infrastructure)

b. Name of the natural disaster (or Executive Order # for events not under a federal declaration):



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15. Has the entity applied for or received federal assistance for this project?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, provide the FEMA project worksheet ID#:

b. Provide the total project cost listed on the FEMA project worksheet:

16. Has the entity applied for or received state assistance for this project (other than this request)?

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received
- ☐ No
- ☐ No, but intends to apply

a. If yes, specify the program and state agency (ex. Local Government Emergency Bridge Loan, Department of Commerce):

17. Requester Contact Information

a. First Name **Last Name**

b. Organization

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number **Ext.**

18. 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)



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☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

d. First Name Last Name

e. E-mail Address

f. Phone Number Ext.

19. Lobbyist Contact Information

a. Name

b. Firm Name

c. E-mail Address

d. Phone Number

The information provided will be posted to the Florida Senate website for public viewing if sponsored by a Senator.