



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2026-2027

LFIR # 1620

1. Project Title

2. Senate Sponsor

3. Date of Request

4. Project/Program Description

For the past three years, our work has strengthened outcomes for justice involved youth and adults by closing mental health and social work gaps, building career skills, and equipping parents with vital support resources. We teach accountability and core values while providing ongoing mentorship to reduce recidivism and help youth succeed. By partnering with DJJ, we strive to enhance public safety by lowering re-offense rates, encouraging safer choices, and supporting stronger community reintegration.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds

State Agency contacted?

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

Type of Funding	Amount
Operating	200,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>200,000</b>

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	200,000	73%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	15,000	6%
Other	57,500	21%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2026-2027</b>	<b>272,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

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		

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.

**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.

N/A

#### 12. 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	N/A	0
Other Salary and Benefits	N/A	0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	N/A	0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	N/A	0
<b>Operational Costs</b>		
Salary and Benefits	The work product is staff heavy and is needed to complete the work in the community.	160,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Outreach, rental, and educational materials.	20,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Collaboration with community partners.	20,000
<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>200,000</b>

#### 13. Program Performance

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

Our goals are to:

- 1) Reduce recidivism
- 2) Promote personal growth
- 3) Strengthen community safety through moral education, peer mentorship, counseling, and career development linkages, the program transforms confinement into a classroom of change.

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

These funds will support program operations delivered by our multidisciplinary team of psychologists, social workers, educators, and other specialists to provide mental health care, parent training, career development, and rapport-building activities. They will also strengthen our referral coordination, employment collaborations, and seamless support from jail to probation and beyond.

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

With this funding, we will provide pro bono, comprehensive support to justice involved youth and adults. Services include counseling, substance-abuse support, parental skills training, and one-on-one mentorship. Youth will receive real-world career preparation, opportunities to build trust through sports and other activities, and direct help accessing resources essential to their success.

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

Our target population is youth between the ages of 10 and 17, at risk youth, and incarcerated adults (previous and present).

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

Proposed Performance Measure: 70 % of program participants shall achieve or maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, or will show an increase in their cumulative grade point average, from the first semester or previous year.

Proposed Measurement Tool: Report Cards, School Records, homework completed, and teacher assessments

Proposed Frequency of Data Collection: Weekly, monthly, and quarterly

**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?**

1. Corrective Action Plan (CAP) - State agencies will work with A New Start to create a plan to remedy the issues that led to failing to meet the deliverables, and appropriately extend deadlines while providing technical, management services.
2. Withholding our payments until Deliverables are met.
3. Termination from contract if the terms aren't met or unsatisfied to the contracting agency

\* For each % of under performance, the same percentage of total funding will be returned for failing to meet deliverables. In addition, all unused funds on this project will be returned to the state.

**14. Is this project related to mitigation, response, or recovery from a natural disaster?**

**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):**

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

- ☐ Yes, Applied
- ☐ Yes, Received



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☐ 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)

☐ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)



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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.*