



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1080

1. Title of Project: Community Empowerment Center

2. Senate Sponsor: Darryl Rouson

3. Date of Submission: 01/28/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Community Empowerment Center will be a community service complex specializing in personal, economic, and social development programs. The center will be a home for self development and a plethora of mental health programs focused on helping families and individuals maintain a sense of empowerment. We are convinced that recovery and empowerment are not the privilege of a few exceptional leaders, but rather are possible for everyone.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Economic Opportunity

State Agency Contacted? No

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	717,834
Fixed Capital Outlay	187,075
Total State Funds Requested	904,909

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	904,909	100.00%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other		0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	904,909	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

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

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. 717,834

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount



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Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	Responsible for the general supervision and management of the office and business affairs of the organization, and executing the mission and strategic plan.	96,343
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Program managers to provide supervision; work as the lead of programs, and to perform liaison activities with upper management; Four Family support specialists to an evaluation of the client's needs and arrange assistance; One Office Assistant to perform a wide variety of office support and administrative functions.	200,505
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent payments, program supplies & curriculum, accounting taxes, training, travel expenses, public utilities such as telephone service, internet connectivity, etc. maintenance of equipment, office material & Supplies and consumables.	206,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Contracted Services - mental health counselor to provide client evaluations using the psychotherapeutic methods to help others in the programs; empowerment workshop facilitators and mentor coaches.	214,986
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering	building renovations expenses to be incurred the first year.	187,075
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		904,909

11. Program Performance:

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

The specific purpose of the Community Empowerment Center is to facilitate a change in behavior and empower individuals to maintain gains in sobriety, self-esteem, employability, and parenting skills. We strongly believe this goal can be met by providing all the support, training, and services to move our citizens from poverty to self-sufficiency, from unemployed to employed, from victim to victor, self-loathing to self-empowered, and from unfruitful parenting to happy families. We believe our parents can become the “heroines” they were meant to be for their children. While the Community Empowerment Center will help to movement towards becoming employable, self-reliant, and financially aware, our true hope is to empower each person to reclaim dignity, vision, inner strength, and a place in the hearts and homes of those they love.

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



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The Community Empowerment Center will be a diverse cultural environment. The services will include peer support, case management, empowerment workshops, and encouragement for citizens that are on a life journey to recovery and self-sufficiency. The programs will reduce isolation, increase independence, link to services related to the treatment of mental illness; coordinate housing referrals, and volunteer and employment readiness opportunities, and help reduce economic disparity for individuals with multiple barriers to employment. The Center's work readiness model is designed to provide opportunities to grow in education, entrepreneurship, and employment placements each year. The Empowerment model will achieve its mission of moving participants into the workforce by partnering with government, non-profits, and private businesses across Florida.

c. What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?

Family Support Specialist will provide direct services to include connect people and resources; intake and initial screening to determine program eligibility; refer individuals and families for other services if needed; frequent provide case management; and coordinate empowerment class workshops for clients.

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

The target population will be low income 18-62 year olds experiencing mental health concerns; Tampa Bay area resident; homeless individuals, veterans, and court ordered individuals for parenting related offenses. We expect to serve 390 individuals per year.

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

Expected outcome and benefits include: improved mental health, increased resilience; improved physical health, reduced time ill/doctor visits; enriched cultural experience, cultural competency; improved quality of education, attainment & skill proficiencies completion; increased or improved economic activity, full employment & operative small business owners, economic self-sufficiency, and increased earnings. The methodology includes data from health records, income statements; tax returns; job placement/ entrepreneurship stats and workshops, trainings, & treatment logs.

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?

Standard contract penalties.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

The owner of the intended facility for fixed capital outlay funding is Mt Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Education Building; Project LINK, Inc., and Mt Pleasant Missionary Baptist are community partners.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

- a. Name:** Tina Young, Executive Director
- b. Organization:** Project LINK, Inc
- c. E-mail Address:** tyoung@project-link.org
- d. Phone Number:** (813)276-5671



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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Project LINK, Inc
- b. **County:** Hillsborough
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
- d. **Contact Name:** Tina Young, Executive Director
- e. **E-mail Address:** tyoung@project-link.org
- f. **Phone Number:** (813)276-5671

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. **Name:** None
- b. **Firm Name:** None
- c. **E-mail Address:**
- d. **Phone Number:**