



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1366

1. **Title of Project:** Fort Myers Reentry Initiative (FMRI)

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Lizbeth Benacquisto

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/12/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

\$4M to support the Fort Myers Reentry Initiative (FMRI) to provide permanent employment opportunities, decrease recidivism, reduce crime and improve public safety through community partnerships. Mentors from the community are assigned to each offender to work together on service-based projects. In conjunctions with FMRI, the Public Safety and Beautification Project will provide employment services, career development and job training specifically in property maintenance and landscaping services within the city's jurisdiction.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Justice Administration

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	4,000,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>

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)	4,000,000	100.0%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.0%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>4,000,000</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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?** No

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and	Hire a program lead to develop a curriculum and training and life	120,000



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Benefits	skills mentorship assistance	
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Provides funding for 30 program participants.	1,000,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Property maintenance equipment, vehicles, computers, landscape materials.	1,880,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Program creation, job training and development of individuals reentering the workforce after incarceration, credentialing and licensing of program administrators and mentor development.	1,000,000
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>4,000,000</b>

**11. Program Performance:**

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

Decrease recidivism, reduce crime, and improve public safety through community training and partnerships.

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

Mentors from the community work with offenders on service based projects. The program will provide employment services, career development, and job training supporting the City of Fort Myers Safe and Clean Task Force as recommended by the University of Cincinnati study commissioned by FMPD.

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

Reduction of crime and rehabilitation of citizens wishing to reenter the workforce.

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

Previous offenders reentering the workforce living in the City of Fort Myers.

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

Reduction of crime and dependency on social services and employment of previous offenders reentering the workforce. Can be measured by decrease in crime as reflected in FDLE yearly crime stats related to repeat offenders.

**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?**

Elimination of program and financial support.

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



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**relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.**

City of Fort Myers

#### 13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
  - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
  - Local Entity
  - University or College
  - Other (Please specify)
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