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## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 1557

1. **Title of Project:** Envision at Dre’s Pathway

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Randolph Bracy

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/06/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

Dre’s Pathway is a nonprofit independent-living and transition center that has been a leading provider of creative, results-driven programs, services, and supports for disabled individuals since its founding in 2000. Envision at Dre’s Pathway is our all-inclusive adult day, life-skills, affordable housing, independent-living, job training and community integration program. The requested funding will be used to provide the training, services, resources, supports and opportunities to enable 50 intellectually and/or developmentally disabled adults to live in their own home, choose how (and with whom) they spend their day, Live, Work, Thrive and actively participate in the communities they call home.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Agency for Persons with Disabilities

State Agency Contacted? No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	250,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>250,000</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)	250,000	71.4%
Federal	0	0.0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	75,000	21.4%
Local	0	0.0%
Other	25,000	7.1%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020</b>	<b>350,000</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?** Yes

a. **If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year.** 250,000



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#### 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 Benefits	Program Director is a Registered Behavior Technician and Certified Life Coach and will be providing those services. She is also responsible for information and case management, program/contract compliance, and program audits/monitoring.	72,000
Other Salary and Benefits	Accountant for processing payroll, financial reports, financial compliance and compliance with GAAP. Employee benefits include health insurance, disability insurance, dental and vision insurance, and 401(k) plan	31,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<b>Operational Costs:</b>		
Salary and Benefits	Salaries and benefits of support staff; Administrative Assistant, (2) Supported-Living Coaches, and Supported-Employment Coach. Employee benefits include health insurance, disability insurance, dental and vision insurance and 401(k) plan.	120,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Center rent and utilities and lease/purchase of 15-passenger van to transport participants to medical appointments, community-based instruction activities and events. Also includes vehicle insurance, maintenance, and repair.	27,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
<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>250,000</b>

#### 11. Program Performance:

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

Studies show that 70% of the 961,000 Floridians living with intellectual and developmental disabilities still live at home with an aging parent or family caregiver. The requested funds will be used to develop inclusive independent supportive living housing for 50 intellectually and developmentally disabled adults. The program's training, services, and supports enable participants to live as independently as they are capable and integrate into the community.

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

Dre's Pathway provides safe and secure housing with 24-hour monitoring and assistance, and a comprehensive independent living training course of advocacy, supports and training; securing and maintaining a home, meal planning & preparation, grocery shopping, interpersonal skills, transportation, basic human rights and



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responsibilities, sexuality training, health and fitness, personal care, banking & budgeting, and accessing community resources.

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

Dre's Pathway provides participants with affordable housing options with 24-hour security, AM/PM visual safety checks to ensure individuals are present and well, verbal reminders related to appropriate dress, hygiene tasks, and medications. In addition, each participant will receive individualized counseling, training, resources, and supports to enable him/her to live, learn, thrive, and interact as pivotal members of their families and community.

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

The target population served by Envision at Dre's Pathway is adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 18-50, who desire (and are capable through training) to live independently with the proper supports, advocacy, and assistance.

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

Florida has a medwaiver waitlist for services of more than 20,000. Envision at Dre's Pathway is expected to provide opportunities to intellectually and disabled adults who have "aged out" of school and are either living at home with no link to the community or will otherwise end up in group homes or other institutionalized settings. We will measure each participants' progress through tasks analysis data, instructor evaluations, and quarterly assessments.

**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?**

Financial consequences-repayment of funds

**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.**

N/A

**13. Requestor Contact Information:**

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- d. **Phone Number:** (407)793-9614

**14. Recipient Contact Information:**

- a. **Organization:** Dre's Pathway
- b. **County:** Orange
- c. **Organization Type:**
  - For Profit
  - Non Profit 501(c) (3)



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- Non Profit 501(c) (4)
- Local Entity
- University or College
- Other (Please specify)

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#### 15. Lobbyist Contact Information

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