



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2272

1. **Title of Project:** Continuum of Care/Enhanced Offender Rehabilitation

2. **Senate Sponsor:** Jeff Brandes

3. **Date of Submission:** 02/25/2019

4. **Project/Program Description:**

The Continuum of Care program offers enhanced offender rehabilitation to include cognitive-based therapy (individual and group) integrated with enhanced transition case management and community based post-release services.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds :** Department of Corrections

State Agency Contacted? Yes

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	2,961,680
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	2,961,680

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)	2,961,680	75.22%
Federal		0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)		0.00%
Local		0.00%
Other	975,436	24.78%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	975,436	100.0%

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** Yes

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		
2018-19		6,962,578		No

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

a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$2,961,680

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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		



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Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Additional programming staff	1,949,921
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Training, post-release services and program expenses	1,011,759
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		2,961,680

11. Program Performance:

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

The primary goal of the Continuum of Care program is to reduce recidivism. Since implementation of the pilot program at the Graceville facility, Continuum of Care participants have shown a preliminary recidivism rate 40% lower than those individuals who did not participate in the program. Other program goals are successful community reintegration and increased public safety.

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

Activities and services include all of the following: Core correctional practices training for facility staff; evidence based in-prison rehabilitative programming for individuals who will be transitioning back into their communities; transition case management including cognitive behavioral therapy; post release support services to support successful reintegration. All Continuum of Care services are provided, pursuant to a contract with DMS, on a cost reimbursement basis with no profit or administrative fee. Additionally, any costs that exceed the appropriated amount are the responsibility of the contractor and any costs that are below the appropriated amount are never transmitted to the contractor or are recouped by DMS in a quarterly reconciliation, per the contract.

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

Services to program participants include: Cognitive behavioral treatment programs to address criminogenic needs; education programs and vocational training to develop work readiness; substance abuse counseling and treatment; one-on-one transition support including individual cognitive behavioral therapy sessions; and, dedicated case management including 24x7 call center and funded individual service packages for basic welfare and support through a wide network of community resource referrals for a period of up to one-year.

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

The Continuum of Care program serves individuals while in-custody and post-release into the community. Currently, the program serves over 4,856 individuals in the four facilities. The Continuum of Care is provided at the fifth facility (Graceville) to 1,562 participants at no cost to the state.



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

Since the primary goal of the program is to reduce recidivism, this is measured by reviewing recidivism data at 1 and 3-year intervals. However, there are many ways to measure the various components of the program. For those in-custody, the Continuum of Care creates a more positive environment and reduces safety risks. This is measured by reviewing Discipline reports, SIRs/Criminal Thinking Scales, formal grievances filed and staff complaint as a comparison over time. The Education/Vocation component can be measured by determining the total number of hours completed in each program and certifications granted for participants. Post release participants education and employment status are measured at monthly intervals. The substance abuse component can be measured through urine analysis, SA hours and completions of urinalysis over time.

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?

Penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures are addressed in the existing contracts for each of the four facilities.

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

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