



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 1597

1. **Project Title** Take My Life Back WORx® Pilot Program2. **Senate Sponsor** Joe Gruters3. **Date of Request** 11/15/20194. **Project/Program Description**

Up to twenty (20) clients at a time will be enrolled in the Take My Life Back WORx® Pilot Program. Candidates are those in active recovery from Substance Use Disorder who meet specific admission criteria. Clients undergo four months of vocational training coupled with Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling (VAR), on-the-job training, and mentoring. The curriculum consists of best practices in Construction Industry specific modular and experiential vocational training for men and women. The Program utilizes a "working classroom" setting, on-the-job training, life skills, job preparedness, peer-to-peer counseling, and VAR. The Construction Industry specific trade skills taught include: shop and job safety, framing, drywall, flooring, painting, etc. Participants work in the field with other agencies, such as: Community Assisted and Supported Living, Habitat for Humanity, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and other public and private agencies.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and FamiliesState Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	505,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	505,000

7. **Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	505000	100.0 %
Matching Funds		
Federal	00	0 %
State (excluding the amount of this request)	00	0 %
Local	00	0 %
Other	00	0 %
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2020-2021	505,000	100 %

8. **Has this project previously received state funding?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

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?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.



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

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits	CEO = \$100,000	100,000
Other Salary and Benefits	COO/Director of Vocational Programs = \$80,000	80,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Vocational/Trade Skill Educator = \$55,000 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor = \$54,000 Administrative Support Specialist= \$36,500	145,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Desktop PC. 20 iPads w/durable screen protection. Lockable tablet charging station. Copier/MFD. Classroom screen/projector. Classroom furniture (desks, chairs, tables, etc.). Consumable office/classroom supplies. Vocational training software. Shop rent. Shop utilities. Utility van. Pick-up truck. Trailer (enclosed). Vehicle ins. Fuel. General liability ins. Workers comp. Shop supplies (trade & other). Construction tools.	179,500
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		505,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To provide effective vocational training for men and women in active recovery from addiction. Training and support is specifically designed to address the particular behavioral health barriers to successful and sustainable employment typically found in people recovering from substance abuse. Up to twenty (20) clients will participate in the program every four months for one year. Therefore, funds will serve approximately 60 participants.

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

(1) The administration of vocational training: Construction Industry specific (for pilot program but will expand vocational offerings in the future). (2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling, to consist of monitoring compliance of the clients at their respective recovery programs, supporting in an active way the clients during training, including facilitating group meetings and other on-site social skill education and intervention, and following and assisting clients in their private sector placement for two years after initial placement, using evidence-based methods to accomplish these tasks. (3) Competency assessment, career mentoring and placement, to help clients get suitable employment after the conclusion of training.

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

(1) Vocational training (classroom/lab, on-the-job).
(2) Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.
(3) Mentoring.
(4) Job placement.
(5) Data collection and follow-up.

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

Men and women between the ages of 18-35 who are in active recovery from substance abuse, and who have completed a thorough internal admission process. Over the course of one year, approximately 60 individuals are expected to participate in the program. Up to 20 participants enrolled on a rolling admission cycle. (Each participant "graduates" once they have demonstrated competency in their learned trade skill and have demonstrated the potential to sustain gainful employment).

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

The desired outcomes for participants are: 1. The participant's successful completion of the Program ("graduate") 2. Graduates demonstrate measurable competency in their learned trade skill 3. Graduate to demonstrate the learned skill-set needed to obtain and sustain gainful employment 4. Graduate to secure and sustain gainful employment. Surveying, vocational rehabilitation counseling and case management techniques, and the statistical analysis of data collected from case management will be utilized. The most efficient and effective methodology available in the industry will be implemented upon the start of each participant's enrollment in the program and for up to two years post-graduation.

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 agency contract penalties for failure to meet deliverables or performance measures are adequate.



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12. 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

13. Requestor Contact Information

- a. First Name Last Name
- b. Organization
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.

14. 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)
- d. First Name Last Name
- e. E-mail Address
- f. Phone Number

15. Lobbyist Contact Information

- a. Name
- b. Firm Name
- c. E-mail Address
- d. Phone Number Ext.