



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2109

1. **Project Title** Vocational Training and Education for Adults with Disabilities
2. **Senate Sponsor** Aaron Bean
3. **Date of Request** 01/09/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

Expand post-secondary job training opportunities for adults with significant physical and intellectual disabilities of all ages, and people with Autism Spectrum Disorder ages 22-30, through customized vocational training and employment opportunities, including art, retail, equine, and cafe programs.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

6. **Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	983,888
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	983,888

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)	983,888	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	983,888	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		
2019-20	00	743,000	244	No

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	Director of Adult Services .5 FTE and benefits	41,688
Other Salary and Benefits	Manager of Vocational Services and benefits	58,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Mileage Training Travel	4,200
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Training	7,000
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Business development assistant, virtual reality technician, equine assisted learning instructor, 4 direct support professionals, 4 job coaches, 1 lead job coach, 4 art job coaches, 1 art teacher, 1 art assistant, plus benefits and payroll tax for all positions	617,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Rent - art, rent - virtual reality, furnishings, program supplies, consumables, technology, virtual reality modules	215,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Creation of virtual reality modules	40,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		983,888



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11. Program Performance

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

Expanded post secondary training programs in non-traditional, high interest career areas including art, retail, equine, and cafe programs, utilizing community based instruction, hands on training, and virtual reality for persons with significant disabilities in competitive employment and supported employment settings.

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

Development of micro-enterprises, job coaching, vocational assessments, post secondary job training services, virtual reality vocational training.

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

Skill development, job coaching, and instruction in non-traditional rehab settings including equine services, art, retail, entertainment, and cafe services to develop, increase, and maintain job skills for the unemployed and underemployed, targeted to increase employability, job skills, social skills and to retain skills.

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

Elderly persons, persons with poor mental health, persons with poor physical health, jobless persons, economically disadvantaged persons, those with developmental disabilities, physically disabled persons and persons attending college and vocational training. Minimum persons served will be 150.

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

Increased involvement in the community, decreased rates of isolation and loneliness, increased vocational skills and employability rating, increased number of persons employed. Pre and Post instructional assessments will measure outcomes.

- 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?

If measurable outcomes are not achieved, agency will develop a plan to address deficiencies to meet outcomes. Penalties may include increased service provision or reduction in funding.



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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.