



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

LFIR # 2341

1. **Project Title** Desmond's Village, Inc.

2. **Senate Sponsor** Manny Diaz

3. **Date of Request** 01/13/2020

4. **Project/Program Description**

Desmond's Village will provide easily accessible supportive services to youth of Desmond's community and to siblings, and parents who have lost a child. Services will include, but are not limited to: Counseling that focuses on traumatic loss/support group for youth and adults; and De-escalation and Conflict Resolution Skills through Garden Therapy where families will be able to plant and nurture in memory of their loved ones.

5. **State Agency to receive requested funds** Department of Children and Families

State Agency contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	142,000
Fixed Capital Outlay	000
Total State Funds Requested	142,000

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)	142000	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	142,000	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. 142,000



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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	Program Instructor - oversees daily operations, budget, hiring and firing of staff, ensuring contract obligations are fulfilled, etc.	30,000
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs: Other		
Salary and Benefits	Part-Time Positions: Community Outreach Coordinator (\$22,000) to canvas the schools, engage parents, JSO and other community leaders and a Garden Therapy Coordinator (\$17,000).	39,000
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Computers, curriculum, recreational activities, marketing materials for schools and community, youth activities (\$35,000); Gardening tools, materials, vegetable seeds, small plants, and other things to help facilitate garden therapy (\$25,000).	60,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study	Professional Speakers, Facilitators, an Editor/Writer, and classes.	13,000
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		142,000



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11. Program Performance

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

To target grieving children and families who are victims of gun violence.

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

Youth and parents will get to experience a productive and proactive way to grieve and remember their loved ones when they participant in Desmond's Village services. These services include: Providing opportunities to heal by expressing and diverting traumatic memories through Garden Therapy; Speaking opportunities to share experiences and growth and to learn new skills to divert emotions; Building self-confidence, Learning conflict resolution skills from adult mentors, Increased feelings of empowerment, Creating a sense of responsibility/accomplishment, Promoting enthusiasm/interest in the future (especially seniors); Sensory stimulation; and Helping to develop and improve motor skills in our youth.

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

Garden Therapy - provide opportunities to heal, express and divert traumatic memories through garden therapy, speaking opportunities to share experiences and growth and to learn new skills to divert emotions. Building self-confidence, learning conflict resolution skills from adult mentors, Increased feelings of empowerment, creating a sense of responsibility/accomplishment, Promoting enthusiasm/interest in the future (especially in seniors), Sensory Stimulation, and Helping to develop and improve motor skills in our youth.

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

Children and parents who have lost a loved one due to gun violence.

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

To provide opportunities to heal, express, learn and divert trauma as a result of gun violence.

- 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?

Revocation of the contract.



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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.